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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation, 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems, and a number of initiatives have been developed to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The Mental Health Act 1983 was amended in 1996 to give people with mental health problems more rights and to improve the way in which they are treated. The Mental Health Act 1996 was introduced to give people with mental health problems more rights and to improve the way in which they are treated. The Mental Health Act 1996 was introduced to give people with mental health problems more rights and to improve the way in which they are treated.

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EPITAPHS FROM GRAVEYARDS

IN

WELLESLEY (FORMERLY WEST NEEDHAM), NORTH NATICK, AND
SAINT MARY'S CHURCHYARD IN NEWTON LOWER
FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

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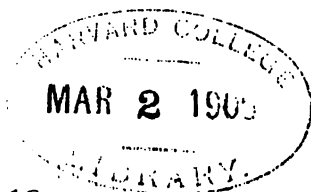
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TO MY MANY COLLEAGUES IN THE VARIOUS TOWN OFFICES, WHO WITH RARE
EXCEPTIONS HAVE SERVED THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM FAITHFULLY
AND WELL, AND SOME OF WHOM HAVE GONE TO "THAT
UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY, FROM WHOSE BOURN
NO TRAVELLER RETURNS," THIS
VOLUME IS DEDICATED.



PREFACE

THE inscriptions in an old graveyard are to me pathetic, impressive and interesting, the verses, sometimes crude, revealing the religious hopes and tastes of successive generations.

Moreover having devoted much time during some of the best years of my life to the service of the Town of Needham, I have been led to search its venerable records in order to learn something of my predecessors.

The epitaphs included in this volume, and those which I contributed to the Dedham Historical Register for April, 1899, were copied by me in the autumns of 1897 and 1898. In the genealogical and biographical notes I have utilized my large collection of memoranda copied from the Needham town and church records, and these are the sources of my information unless otherwise indicated. Only when it seems unavoidable have I availed of printed matter or copies. I am well aware that correspondence and the examination of town and church records outside of Needham would perfect my annotations, but it is not feasible for me to attempt more than I have done. That my work may be kept within reasonable limits, I have not located homes or described landed possessions. Old maps and the deeds recorded at Boston and at Dedham will in most instances furnish this information to those who care to investigate.

As to military service, the volumes issued from time to time by the Commonwealth and by the various patriotic societies, render it unnecessary for me to give details. The town report for 1898, published in 1899, contains a list with particulars of forty-six soldiers of the Revolution from Needham, whose burial places are known. This list was prepared by the writer, who with the Selectmen was the 'Committee on the Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers,' and placed the S. A. R. markers.

The fact that a man held even a minor town office in the last century, or the early part of this one, I have thought worthy of preservation and have introduced considerable town history. I am aware that this collection is unique and perhaps includes irrelevant matter, but I believe that it will be valuable in the future.

In the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January and for April, 1899, I published a list of the books, pamphlets and newspapers that contain historical or genealogical matter relative to Needham; and to the Dedham Historical Register for April, 1899, I furnished twenty-three epitaphs, with notes, from an old graveyard in the easterly part of Weston, where are buried some persons more or less identified with Needham. I am indebted to my esteemed friend the Honorable Enos Houghton Tucker, a native of Needham, whose age and accurate memory enables him to give information that few possess, and who is always ready to help me.

In my historical expeditions I have often been accompanied by my neighbor, Mr. Ward Nicholas Hunt, a gentleman of antiquarian tastes, and have received assistance from him which I wish to acknowledge.

Although I have at three different times carefully compared my manuscript with the epitaphs, I intend to discard it so far as the inscriptions are concerned, and to read the proof from the original. I have reproduced as well as I could the different styles of the lettering on the stones. On these old gravestones it is often difficult

to decide whether words are intended to be in italics or not ; and this is particularly true of the verse. The abbreviations used in the notes are in most instances obvious ; they are b., for born ; d., for died ; m., for married ; int., for intention of marriage ; yr., for year ; mo., for month ; dy., for day ; dau., for daughter ; N., for Needham ; T., for Town ; Ch., for church ; rec., for record ; Need. Ephs., for Needham Epitaphs ; Ded. Hist. Reg., for Dedham Historical Register ; gen., for genealogy ; Mass. S. and S. in Rev., for Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.

The months are abbreviated only in the genealogical portion of the notes. All places are in Massachusetts unless the State is named. No mention is made of any foot stone unless that alone remains to mark a grave.

I offer this book as my contribution to the history of Needham, and of its earlier inhabitants.

GEORGE K. CLARKE.

JANUARY 1, 1900.





EPITAPHS

FROM THE OLD GRAVEYARD IN WELLESLEY

FORMERLY THE WEST PRECINCT OF NEEDHAM

TOMBS.

OF the five old tombs near the church but two remain. There is a large receiving tomb, built in 1854, in the westerly part of the graveyard.

1 The tomb between the vestry and the sidewalk is inscribed

D. M. 1836.

In 1898 it was owned by — Hathaway. Rebecca Morse m. Aug. 20, 1848, Harrison Hathaway. D. M. doubtless stands for Daniel Morse.

2 From the Bullard tomb undertaker George H. Robbins removed, October 6, 1893, thirteen bodies which were not identified, to a lot in the west part of Woodlawn Cemetery. This tomb, together with the Parker and Smith tombs, was destroyed to make space for the vestry.

The remains of the following Bullards may have been in the tomb :

Moses, who was lieutenant of the West Company, April 19, 1775, and allowed £6, 13*sh.*, 4*d.*, on December 15, 1777, "for

his Going to Ticonderoga in the Year 1776." As Capt. Moses Bullard he was chosen one of a committee December 27, 1780, "to hire the men that are Now Called for," and also January 15 and 29, 1781, "to Procure the men that are Now Called for." In 1781 he was elected selectman, but declined. He was one of the committee of the West Precinct 1781, '86-88, precinct collector 1782. For military service see Year book S. A. R., 1897, p. 199, and Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. II. He was major of the 1st Suffolk Regiment of militia 1782-85. His father was Nathaniel. See 42.

John was in Capt. Aaron Smith's Company, April 19, 1775. For military service of *John*, *Joseph* and *Nathaniel*, all of Needham, see Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. II.

Nathaniel, who d. Nov. 27, 1816, was a deputy sheriff 1799-1816 inclusive, and *Nathaniel*,* his son, succeeded him as deputy sheriff, and d. Mar. 10, 1837, aged 47. Nathaniel, senior, was collector for the West Precinct in 1790, and one of the precinct committee 1793, '97. He was son of Capt. Moses.

Captain *Timothy* was elected selectman in 1819, but declined; on the committee of the West Precinct 1838-41. He was son of Ensign Ephraim (see 42) and d. Dec. 6, 1844, aged 65.

3 From the Parker tomb Mr. Robbins removed, October 6, 1893, twenty-one unidentified bodies to the lot in Woodlawn Cemetery in which the remains from the Bullard and Smith tombs were placed. The Wellesley Congregational Church owns this lot and others.

The Parkers had five representatives among the petitioners for the incorporation of the town in 1710, viz: *John*, Jr., *Isaac*, *Jonathan*, *Samuel* and *John* (Senior). Jonathan was a surveyor of highways 1712, '13, tythingman 1715, '18, '19, constable, then the only one, 1716.

* Wrongly called William in the Massachusetts Register, 1820-27.

John, Senior, was the first tythingman, and was chosen February 8, 1711/12. He was fence viewer 1715, constable 1719.

In 1716 there were two tythingmen, and in 1718 three. The office was not abolished until 1867, although the duties of the tythingmen had been indefinite for ninety years. Four were chosen in 1866, viz: Everett Johnson Eaton, John Kingsbury, Freeman Phillips and Richard Boynton.

Samuel was one of the "Survayers of hyways," and sworn 1712, constable 1717, selectman and assessor 1744, '45 (two years); Jonathan was town treasurer 1750-55 inclusive,* and *Enoch* was on a committee "to hire Men into the Publick Service of the war if any Shall be Wanting" May 29, 1780, and was selectman and assessor 1782, one of the West Precinct committee 1790-97, and served as moderator of its meetings in 1795. The Parkers doubtless held many minor town offices subsequent to 1720.

Jacob was a minute man, and *Jonathan* was killed by the British at West Cambridge, April 19, 1775, and buried near the scene of the fight. He lived on Charles River Street, nearly opposite the modern William Pierce house, but a short distance to the southeast. The house was subsequently owned and occupied by Deacon Isaac Shepard, and after his decease, which occurred in 1819, by Spencer Fuller. Jonathan is said to have left his plow in the field when the news came that called him to his death. The Parker school is named in his memory.

In 1834 *William B.*, of Needham, was lieutenant colonel of the 1st Regiment of the 2d Brigade of the 1st Division of the militia, and in 1835 colonel. Previously he had raised in Needham and commanded the Norfolk Rifle Rangers, a uniformed militia company of which Paul Dewing was

* Hereafter let the word *inclusive* be understood. The years given in all cases are those of election, viz: 1750-55 means six full years, — March, 1750, to March, 1756.

lieutenant and John Welles Lyon ensign. Later John J. Gorham, a tall man, was captain of the Rangers.

Several of the Parkers lived in "The Hundreds," and one family owned the farm on Blossom Street where the old Methodist meeting house, removed thither, has replaced the ancient house. "Parker Plain," which is in "The Hundreds," south of Blossom Street, derives its name from this family.

4 On October 6, 1893, Mr. Robbins removed thirty-three unidentified bodies from the Smith tomb.

A brief account of the Smiths who have been prominent in town, but who do not appear later in this volume, may be of some interest.

There were as many as three distinct races of Smiths here in early times. The most numerous were descendants of *Christopher*; but *James*, who came from the north of Ireland in 1718 (see Needham Recorder, December 7, 1896, and Need. Ephs., p. 6), was the founder of an eminently respectable family. *John, Jr.*, Christopher and *Joshua* were petitioners for the incorporation of the town in 1710. Christopher was a surveyor of highways 1712, '20, one of the two field drivers 1716. On March 27, 1717, "Christp: Smith, Henery Duing, Hawards." These officers appear the following year, 1718, and in 1719, but not again. Christopher was a fence viewer in 1720.

John was representative to the General Court in 1714, re-elected in 1715, and declined; selectman 1711, '13-16, '18, '20 (seven years), assessor 1713-16, '18, '20. "Sarn" John Smith was a fence viewer in 1714. On January 29, 1717/18, the town chose John Smith, Sr., Samuel Parker and Thomas Metcalf a committee "to provid a buerall Cloath," also "Scalls and weights Such as the Law Directs," and "Meafuers for Standards for this town." John Smith, Sr., was chosen March 14, 1719/20, "to hould out y^e box upon Sabbath Days & Diliue y^e money to Josiah Kingsbery treasurer."

The selectmen were usually five in number until March, 1733, when three only were chosen. In the early years the town clerk was ex-officio a selectman. The number of selectmen was five until 1845, with the exception of the following years: seven in 1714, nine in 1747, three in 1733, '38, '41, 1818, '30, '31; and from 1845 to the present time the number has been three.

John, Jr., was fence viewer 1713, '16, '19, tythingman 1717, selectman and assessor 1717, '19, '22, '24, '26 and '28. On March 10, 1711/12, he was on a committee with "Sarg." John Fisher, Jeremiah Woodcock, Robert Cook and Joseph "Danill" "to Answer the Commity of Dedham in Reffarance to Stating a Line Betwene the town of Dadham & Needham." In the preceding February he had been on a committee with Woodcock and Daniell to "treat" with Dedham as to the line. On January 14, 1718/19, he was on the "Comity" to care for the school land, and to "Set up a Schoole." See 5.

Jonathan was a field driver 1713, '15, '20, one of the three "Hawards" 1718. In 1719 "Jonath Smith Andrew Wodkins for the Regelalating of Swine & Sworn."

Jonathan was selectman 1736, '38, '49, assessor 1736, and in 1740 "Jonathan Smith & John Goodanow were Chosen to take Care of y^e Deer." Ensign *Aaron*, afterwards lieutenant, was selectman 1737, '40, '42, '44, '47-51. Aaron was again elected in 1754, but declined. He was assessor 1737, '40, '44, '47, '48, '51, fence viewer 1754, '69, one of the "Dearreaves" 1760, '73-76, warden 1768 (excused), '71.

At this period it is difficult to distinguish between him and his kinsman later known as Capt. Aaron, as they may both have been lieutenants, and confusion as to these minor town offices is possible. (Need. Ephs., p. 12.) (See Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. VII, p. 136, and Vol. IX, p. 10, for an account of him and of three of his relatives bearing the same name.) March 13, 1738/9, John Fisher, Esq., "Jeames" Smith and Aaron Smith were a committee "to draw up

Sumthing to bring to the Town Respecting Rams Running att Large."

I have not attempted to mention fully the minor town offices held by the Smiths after 1720.

Jonathan was selectman in 1758, and was perhaps identical with the Jonathan mentioned before.

Aaron, Jr., known as "Hawk" Aaron, nephew of lieutenant Aaron, was a private in the East Company April 19, 1775, and served later in the war. The Ded. Hist. Reg., Vols. VII and IX, contain biographical matter which I wrote relative to him, and I will add a few items.

On May 6, 1778, he was on a committee "to hier the men that are now to be raifed. Discrecinary, and at the best Method they can."

On July 26, 1779, he was the first named in the record of a committee "to Set what Some of money men Should have that go into the war for y^e town of Needham," and August 2, he was on the committee "to Confider and Say what Allowance thofe Officers Should have That were Mentioned in the laft Report of y^e Committee."

On March 13, 1780, he was one of the committee of "Correspondence Inſpection & Safety," and May 29, he was on a committee to reckon with the committee "Chosen to Hire Men into the Publick Service of the war."

On December 27, 1780, he was one of the five added to the previously appointed committee of three "to hire the men that are Now Called for," and January 29, 1781, he was one of a committee of nine to ascertain the amount of the town debts.

He was a field driver in 1777, fence viewer in 1778, highway surveyor 1780, '88, moderator several times, constable, selectman 1781, assessor 1787, collector for the First Parish 1785, '88 "to collect taxes for 1787," and on its standing committee 1791, '92.

In 1792 he was one of the three agents to "Carry on all Causes or Suits at Law in favor or againſt the Town," in 1794

on a committee with reference to "an allowance being made to those men that are Drafted as minute men." In 1796 he was on a committee "for building & repairing School Houses," as the Great Plain member, and in 1797 he was chosen one of the committee to reckon with the town treasurer.

In 1792 and 1793 either he or his relative later known as "Squire Aaron." was one of a committee of three "to join with Natick Committee to petition the General Court to form the Two Towns agreeable to a Vote."

In 1796 one of these Aarons was a hogreave, and one of three men chosen "to open the Bridle way across Chestnut Hill." "Hawk" Aaron was an innholder for some years, and owned upwards of 300 acres of land in Needham, most of it near his home.

Pelatah, son of "Hawk" Aaron, was collector for the south side of the First Parish 1801. "Feb^r 8, 1795 Aaron Smith the 3^d owned the covenant; and was baptized (*Privatim quia ægrotate*)." Ch. Rec. kept by Rev. S. Palmer. This Aaron was a son of "Hawk" Aaron, and the young man d. Feb. 16, 1795, aged 22 years.

Capt. *Robert*, son of James, who came from the north of Ireland (Need. Ephs., p. 20), was assessor 1758, '76. He commanded the East Company (militia) April 19, 1775, and there is an S. A. R. bronze marker on his grave. He also served later in the war.

On May 29, 1775, he was chosen the committee, consisting of one, of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. July 15 he was on a committee "to Consult what Method to Raise the money to Incourage the Men that are to be Raifed to Go to Canady." On February 17, 1777, he was one of a committee of seven "To See what has been paid, and who has Done a turn or part of a turn, Perfonally," and March 19, 1779, he was chosen on a committee of five "to Set what Sum of Money the Town Shall Allow to a man that may be Drafted or Goes Volentary into the Publick Service of the

war for the Town of Needham when Called for "a y^e Enfuing year," and August, 1779, he was chosen a delegate to a convention at Cambridge to prepare a Constitution or form of Government, but did not attend.

On January 29, 1781, he was placed on the committee "to Procure the men that are Now Called for," and April 5, 1781, he was again chosen one of the committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. In 1794 he was one of the committee as to "an allowance being made to those men that are Drafted as minute men."

He was collector in 1793 "for y^e South division in said Parish" (the First Parish) and on its standing committee 1784, '85 (two years), and was selectman 1793-95. He served on many committees of the town not named in this brief list, and was a leading citizen. For a short account of him see the History and Directory of Needham, 1888-89, p. 31, and the Needham Recorder, December 7, 1896.

Capt. *William*, brother of Capt. Robert, was assessor 1765, selectman 1770, '75, '79, and on the committee of the First Parish 1782. In 1776 and again in 1777 he was chosen one of the committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, and March 9, 1778, he was on the committee to decide what the town "Shall allow to a man that Shall be Drafted or Goes Vollertery into the Publick Service of the war." He is called Capⁿ in the town records. He d. Sept. 21, 1811, aged 87.

Jonathan was a corporal in Capt. Aaron Smith's Company April 19, 1775, and *John, Jr.*, *John 3d*, *Jeremiah*, *Samuel*, *Ithamar, Jr.*, and *Abiel* who was of Natick, were privates in the same company.

David, *Jonathan*, and *Ithamar* were minute men April 19, 1775, and *William* was in the East Company. *William, Jr.*, was a soldier in the Revolution and served near Boston.

John, Sr., enlisted for service in Canada, and in February, 1777, was paid his bounty of £7.

On June 6, 1780, Jonathan was on a committee of nine to report on the acceptance of the "Form of Government" proposed for the State. Lieut. Jonathan was one of the West Precinct committee 1790.

Benjamin is said to have been the last survivor of the Revolutionary soldiers who went from Needham.

Luther was elected selectman April 5, 1819, and declined.

Luther 2d was sexton of the West Precinct for some years early in this century.

James, son of Capt. Robert, was town clerk 1800, selectman 1807-11, representative to the General Court 1808 and '09 (Need. Ephs., p. 22).

Amraphel, son of James preceding, was collector for the east part of the town, selectman 1829, '31, assistant assessor 1830, '31 (Need. Ephs., p. 40).

James, brother of the preceding, was selectman 1840, '41, assessor 1840, '43, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1836, '43, '44, warden of the town farm five years. He d. March 28, 1894, aged 90 years and was buried in N. For an account of him, and of several generations of his family, see the Needham Recorder for December 7, 1896.

Daniel was on the committee of the First Parish in 1800, and was its collector for the north side in 1801. Daniel, probably this one, d. Nov. 6, 1802, aged 56.

Timothy was the collector in 1793 "for y^e north division in said parish," and again in 1805 and in 1814. The latter year his compensation was .037 cents on a dollar. (Need. Ephs., p. 27).

Newell, son of Timothy, was chosen deacon of the First Church, May 31, 1822, but declined, and in 1832 was elected parish treasurer, but did not serve. It is said that he was called "Deacon could be," and his neighbor Israel Whitney "Deacon would be." The town records in some instances give Newell Smith the title of Deacon. He was on the standing committee of the parish in 1835.

Timothy Newell, son of Newell, was selectman 1849-51. For half a century he kept a record of events in the town, but after his death the manuscript was burned by a person incapable of appreciating its value.

5

NOYES

This tomb was built in 1809 by Sarah, widow of the Rev. Stephen Badger of Natick, and bequeathed to the Rev. Thomas Noyes, whose remains with those of members of his family rest here. Mr. Noyes, who was A. M. both at Harvard and at Brown, was ordained as the first minister of the church in the West Precinct, July 10, 1799, dismissed July 9, 1833, and d. Dec. 29, 1837. He was on the first school board, then called Inspecting School Committee, in 1826, and served also 1827-36.

Prior to 1826 the town chose only district school committees consisting of three men in each district, but that year elected a general committee of seven, retaining a prudential committee in each district.

In 1838 the school committee, which the previous year had been reduced to three, was designated as the Superintending School Committee, and in 1843 the selection of the prudential committees was left to the districts. These school districts were created May 11, 1785, and at the March meeting in 1855 had ceased to exist.

The choice of a general school committee in 1826 was the result of State legislation. In 1870 the number of the committee was increased to six, and so continued until the division of the town in 1881. As early as 1714 a school was maintained, and about 1718 the town received from Timothy Dwight a gift of land in what is now Dover, the income to be used for the schools. The town still owns this land which is 40 acres, and the school at the old Centre is named the Dwight school.

On January 14, 1718/19 it was put to vote to see if the town would "Set up a Schoole for the teaching of Children

for Some time in y^e year and it was answered by a vote in the affarmmitive it was also voted in the affarmmitei that their Should be a Rate made of Six pounds for the Suport of the Schoole.

"all so voted to Chuse a Commity to Looke after a per-cill of Land Given for the Suport of the School By M^r Timothy Dwight.

"it was voted in the affarmmitive that this Schoole Should be a moving Schoole and Keep^t at three places in the Town & lift to the Commity to procuer places Conveinent."

"Jer^e: woodCok Benj^m mills jun John Smith juner was Chofen a Commity to take the ^{whole}_{care} hereof."

On January 11, 1724/5,* the town voted that there should be a "Schoole Keep^t in four parts of the town."

I cannot learn that there was any building for school purposes in East Needham in 1732, but there was in West Needham in 1735.

Mr. Noyes m. Rebecca, d. May 13, 1832, dau. of Dr. William Deming, and grand-dau. of Rev. Oliver Peabody, and the tomb is now owned wholly or in part by Mrs. Frances Mary Edwena (Noyes) White, wife of the Honorable George White. Mrs. White is descended from several of the old families of Needham. Rev. Thomas Noyes m. secondly Sarah Brown Callender.

The births of four of Mr. Noyes's children are recorded in Needham.

For an account of Mr. Noyes, with portrait, see the History of the Wellesley Congregational Church, by the Rev. Edward Herrick Chandler, 1898. From this excellent church history it appears that a large proportion of the persons buried in the old graveyard were members of the church of which Mr. Chandler is now the pastor.

* Apparently the early town clerks wrote the year *new style* whenever they failed to give the double date. To avoid uncertainty I have given the double date in such instances.

6-7 DAVID SMITH | died Feb. 24, 1832, | Æt. 71.

PHEBE SMITH | died Nov. 14, 1848, | Æt. 80.

Those who knew them loved them.

Where two or more numbers are together, viz. 6-7, it means that there is more than one inscription on the stone.

He was b. July 19, 1761, son of David and Elizabeth (Dewing) Smith, who were m. March 27, 1751. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

David, Jr., was a surveyor of highways 1786, '87, '99, 1802, '04-08, '16, '17, district school committee, West, 1797, 1800, Northwest 1802, '07-09, tythingman 1800, '02, '09, '10, '19, '20, '24, selectman 1805-11. On April 7, 1800, he was on a committee to make "Alterations in highway Districts," and October 27, 1803, he was one of the agents as to a road; coroner 1792-1832, field driver 1820-22, '24, '27, '29, town agent 1813-15. On May 9, 1796, Cr^m David Smith represented the West district on the committee, one from each school district, "for building & repairing School Houses." "Crown" David Smith, Jr., was one of the West Precinct committee 1801. On May 18, 1801, the First Parish appointed five agents to attend to "David Smith Jun^r's Petition & others Respecting Incorporating Said Precinct into a Town or District." On April 7, 1806, the town voted "to furnish each district with a plow of Sufficient size to accommodate them," and David Smith, Jr., was one of the committee of six to do this. He served on numerous committees, including one chosen March 6, 1815, "to dispose of the Old School house in the west part of the town."

He ceased to be called junior in the records about 1808, as his father d. Dec. 23, 1807, aged 81.

Phebe was b. Sept. 7, 1767, dau. of Samuel and Hannah Hunting, m. David Smith, Jr., Jan. 3, 1788. (T. and Ch. Recs.) Her father, Samuel Hunting, m. June 27, 1764, widow Hannah Savage of Sherborn.

8

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | MRS. HADASSAH, | Wife of | Cap^t Abel Stevens. |
WHO DIED | July 4, 1852. | Aged 79 Yrs.

*We have loved thee on earth,
May we meet thee in Heaven.*

She was 79 yrs., 2 mos., 22 dys. (T. Rec.), b. in Needham, dau. of Lieut. Oliver and Sibel Mills. Mrs. Mills was the widow of — Pratt, and Mr. Mills's second wife. Hadassah m. Abel Stevens July 11, 1799. Lieut. Oliver Mills had a sister "Hadafsah," bapt. Oct. 5, 1760. "Sept: 27: 1760 At Night John Mills had a Daughter born Hadafsah." (Ch. Rec.)

9 ERECTED | to the memory of | CAPT. ABEL STEVENS, | who
died | June 27, 1814, | Æt. 45.

He was son of 26 and 27.

"E" Abel Stevens" was hogreave in 1800. This office dates, in Needham, from 1719, when two men were chosen "for the Regelalating of Swine and Sworn." On March 4, 1722/3, the town voted that "Swine Should Run at Larg," and 1725 "the Hogs set at Liberty by a vote." The freedom or restraint of the swine was a burning question as early as 1723, and the keeping of these animals is still an issue. The last hogreaves were chosen in 1834. There were eleven in 1813, but the number varied greatly from time to time. "L" Abel Stevens was on the Northwest district school committee 1802, '06, and that of the West district 1812. He was a surveyor of highways in 1800, an office dating from February 8, 1711/12, when five were chosen. The selectmen are now the highway surveyors. Field driver 1803, '04, '13 (called "Capt" 1812). Two field drivers were chosen in 1711/12, and four in 1712/13. In 1898 there were eight field drivers. In 1802 Lieut. Abel Stevens was on the West Precinct committee. In 1812 Capt. Stevens attended the Methodist Church in "The Hundreds." He owned (inven-

tory) 150 acres of land in Needham, and 20 acres in Natick. His children, Franklin, Caroline, Almira, Mary Ann, Hadassah, Lorenzo, Luther Mills and Adeline, had William Fuller for their guardian in 1816.

10

(Urn.)

IN memory of | Abel Stevens | *Son of | Capt. Abel and | Mrs. Hadassah Stevens* | who died June 6, 1811. | *Æt.* 3 years.

He was b. March 17, 1808.

Capt. Abel Stevens is well represented in Wellesley by Abel Franklin Stevens and Herbert Jowel Stevens, sons of Franklin. Abel F. organized the Needham Farmers' and Mechanics' Association in 1877, was its first president, and served two years. He was a registrar of voters in Wellesley for three years.

Herbert J. was auditor four or five years, has been assessor for many years, and was a member of the school committee 1886-97, twelve years, was its secretary several years, and chairman some four or five years.

He was president of the Needham Farmers' and Mechanics' Association 1887-9, two years

11 In memory of | MR. ABIJAH STEVENS, | who died | Oct : 25, 1841, | aged 77 years.

He was son of 26 and 27.

He was hogreave 1799, 1818, '20-22, fence viewer 1813-15, '23-28, '34, '36, West district school committee 1815, field driver 1836. On February 8, 1711/12, two fence viewers were chosen, in 1813 there were five, and such officers have continued to the present time; the selectmen are now the fence viewers.

12 In memory of | MRS. SARAH | wife of | *Mr. Abijah Stevens*, | who died | May 1, 1816. | aged 38 years

Abijah Stevens and Sarah Rider, both of Needham, were m. Mar. 3, 1799. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

- 13 In memory of | ANNA STEVENS | *Widow of* | Abijah Stevens; | Who died May 10, 1848 : | Aged 75 years.

She was b. in Watertown, dau. of Samuel and Louis (Coolidge) Brown (T. Rec. and Bond's Watertown); m. Abijah Stevens Dec. 16, 1821. Mrs. Anna Stevens was admitted to the Church in West Needham, February 21, 1828, having been dismissed from the First Church in Newton. Her mother's name is "Louis" in the records.

- 14 In memory of | FRANCIS, | son of | *Abijah & Sarah* | Stevens, | who died | Oct. 10, 1801, | aged 12 days.

Francis was b. Sept. 28, 1801.

- 15 In memory of | JOSEPH | son of | *Abijah & Sarah* | Stevens, | who died | Sept. 10, 1809, | aged 1 year | & 8 months.

His birth is not recorded in T. Rec.

- 16 In memory of | ELIZA ANN | daughter of | *Abijah & Sarah* | Stevens, | who died | Sept. 18. 1809, | aged 3 years | & 8 months.

She was b. Jan. 3, 1806.

- 17 In memory of | WARREN | son of | *Abijah & Sarah* | Stevens, | who died | March 9, 1815, | aged 9 months.

His birth is not recorded in T. Rec.

- 18 In memory of | MISS CHRISTIANA STEVENS, | who died | July 7. 1840, | aged 36 years.

She was b. May 14, 1804, dau. of 11 and 12. "Chrischina" in T. Rec.

- 19-24 ABIJAH STEVENS | *died in Mobile, Ala.* | Dec. 7, 1832, aged 32,

AMOS, *died in Fayetteville N. C.* | May 20, 1854, aged 45.

OTIS, *died in San Francisco, Cal.* | Nov. 10, 1850, aged 38.

HARRIOT, *died May 15, 1862,* | aged 62 y'rs, 8 mos.

FRANCIS OTIS, *died Sept. 29, 1847,* | *Æt.* 3 y'rs, 10 mo's

FRANCES MARIA *died Aug. 8, 1849,* | *Æt.* 19 mo's.

Children of Otis & Maria Stevens.

All six inscriptions are on one stone.

Abijah, b. Sept. 15, 1800; Amos, b. June 10, 1809; Otis, b. July 29, 1812; Harriot, children of 11 and 12.

25 In memory of | MR GEORGE STEVENS | who died | Jan. 24, 1835, | aged 32 years.

George Rider Stevens, son of 11 and 12, was b. Jan. 1, 1803. George Stevens m. Harriet Russell of Dedham, April 9, 1828. The latter George was George Gay Stevens.

26

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | M^{rs} SYBEL STEVENS, | *Wife of Mr Ephraim Stevens* | who died Nov^r 27, 1804 | Æt. 63.

*Friend quit this Stone & look above the skies,
The dust lies here but virtue never dies.*

She was b. Jan. 22, 1742, dau. of Jeremiah and Hepzibah (Peterson) Gay (m. Apr. 25, 1739, Hepzibah, then of Waltham). Ephraim Stevens, of Holden, and Sybel Gay, of Newton, m. Oct. 11, 1759, Rev. Jonathan Townsend, A. M., officiating. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

27

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | M^r EPHRAIM STEVENS | who died Sept^r 17, 1806 : | Æt. 76.

*Death the great conquerer, could not win the whole,
Earth keeps his ashes and heaven receives his Soul.*

On June 14, 1772, "Ephraim Stephens & his wife being dismissed from & recommended by y^e Chh. in Holden were admitted to our Communion" (Ch. Rec.) In 1798 he and his wife were dismissed from the First Church to the church in the West Precinct.

He was a sergeant in the Needham company of minute men April 19, 1775, served near Boston in 1777 and 1778, and received from the town for services in the war £6, 13s., 4d. (T. Rec., Vol. III, p. 155.) There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. In 1776 he was a constable and a surveyor of highways, and in 1777 tythingman. In 1790 and

'94-95 he was on the committee of the West Precinct. His will is dated July 13, 1803, and he mentions "Sibble my beloved wife," sons Ephraim, Abijah, Joseph, Samuel, Charles, Silas, Abel, daus. Sarah Morse, Sibble Dudley, Phebe Flagg and Susanna Harris. Mr. Stevens owned (inventory) 77 acres of land. In the church records I find the following: bapt. Aug. 28, 1774, "Sibill Daugh^r of Ephraim Stephens." She m. Aug. 25, 1793, Benjamin Dudley, Jr., of East Sudbury. (Ch. Rec.)

In 1819 *Silas*, grandson of 26 and 27, attended St. Mary's Church (Episcopal) at Newton Lower Falls. *George Gay*, another grandson of 26 and 27, was treasurer of the First Parish in Needham 1832, one of its standing committee 1854 and '55, and deacon of the First Church June 3, 1859, until his death Nov. 20, 1875. (Need. Ephs., p. 64.) *Herbert Scarborough*, son of the deacon, was the collector for the First Parish 1871.

Augustus was selectman 1861-8 (eight years) and held minor town offices earlier. Under the old system of districts he was a surveyor of highways, and when the number of such "surveyors" was reduced to four in 1867, he continued in office until April 10, 1876, when the duties of the surveyors of highways ceased, and Mr. Stevens was sole superintendent of roads for two years. In 1878 Charles Hiram Dewing became his colleague, having charge of the east part of the town. In 1881 the town was divided, and Mr. Stevens was for some years the superintendent of streets in Wellesley. He d. March 4, 1899. In 1862 there were ten highway districts, and from 1867 to '76 the number was four.

28-29 EPHRAIM STEVENS | died July 2 1843, | Æt. 83.

REBECCA, | wife of | Ephraim Stevens | died Aug. 25, 1805, | Æt. 35.

Both inscriptions are on one stone. In this yard several stones were reset recently, and some have fallen. The old blue slate stones are in better condition than the others.

Ephraim Stevens, Jr., son of 26 and 27, was a fence viewer in 1802, and (E. S. without the Jr.) in 1808, '17, '22, '23, '25, sealer of bread, 1816-19, '26, '27, field driver, 1818, '19, '22-28, hogreave, 1825-27. Surveyors of bread were first chosen March 16, 1772; they were usually called sealers of bread from 1835-March 4, 1867, when these offices were abolished. In 1818 the town record calls them "Weigers of Bread." In 1812 he was in the list of Methodists (church in "The Hundreds"). His will is dated April 17, 1843, and names son Timothy and the "children of Henry Travis of Natick," also the children of Timothy Stevens, grandson Augustus Stevens executor. The inventory includes 105 acres of land, 9½ of which were in "Brook Meadow."

30-33

STEVENS.

(Front.)

CHARLES STEVENS | died June 6 1855, | Æt. 70 yrs.

SYBEL, | wife of Charles Stevens, | died Jan. 14, 1866. Æt. 75 yrs.

*Friend after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end.*

(Back.)

REBECCA STEVENS | died Nov. 26, 1826, | Æt. 8 yrs.

REBECCA STEVENS | died Aug. 20, 1833, | Æt. 5 yrs.

Charles was b. March 29, 1785, son of 26 and 27. He was a hogreave 1818, '19. Sybel was dau. of — Smith, m. Charles Stevens April 13, 1818 (int. Feb. 21).

34-38

STEVENS.

(Front.)

TIMOTHY STEVENS | died | Feb. 4, 1854, | Æt. 69.

ELIZA, | wife of | Timothy Stevens, | died May 9, 1864, | Æt. 63.

There is rest in Heaven

(Back.)

SAMUEL STEVENS | died May 10, 1840, *Æt.* 22.

FRANCIS STEVENS | died June 28, 1842, *Æt.* 20.

ELBRIDGE STEVENS, | Co A. 39 Regt. Mass. Vols. | died at
Richmond, Va. | Mar. 1865, *Æt.* 21.

Timothy was b. Jan. 25, 1785, son of 28 and 29. He was
a hogreave in 1818.

Eliza was b. in Weston, dau. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth
(Fuller) Stimson ; m. Timothy Stevens Dec. 7, 1817. Age
at death, 63 yrs., 6 mos. (T. Rec.)

Samuel was b. 1818 ; Francis was b. May 8, 1822 ; Elbridge
was b. Sept. 5, 1843. Sons of 34 and 35.

39

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | *DEA.* JOSEPH DANIELLS, | who died April 16th.
1810. | Aged 73 Years.

He was b. July 23, 1736, bapt. July 25, son of Joseph
and Experience (Newell) Daniell (*Need. Ephs.*, p. 9) ; field
driver 1763, '71, tythingman 1765, '73, surveyor of highways
1772, '94, '98, fence viewer 1775, assessor 1774, one of the
two "Deerreaves" 1775. Deerreaves were first chosen in
Needham November 23, 1739, and the last were for the year
1798. There were usually two, but occasionally only one.
The selectmen were assessors 1712-32, '34-37, '39, '40,
'43-48, '51-57, '59-63, '67, '68, '71, '72, '82.

When the assessors were not identical with the selectmen
the board has consisted of three. The writer is the present
chairman. During the early part of this century two or
more assistant assessors were from time to time chosen,
usually when there was to be a general valuation. The first
separate board of assessors was elected in 1732/3, and con-
sisted of Capt. Robert Cook, who served twenty-seven years,
the longest time to date, John Fisher, Jr., and Benoni Wood-
ward. Mr. Fisher was one of a very prominent family, and
among other offices he held that of clerk of the market, to

which he was chosen March 6, 1715/16, and in which he also served in 1717, '19 and '22. Thomas Metcalf was the clerk of the market in 1718, but I cannot learn what the duties of the office were, and it was soon discontinued. In 1720 none was elected. The office of sealer of weights and measures has continued from 1712 to the present time in Needham. In 1720 John Fisher was chosen "to Seal Wights and Meafuers the first munday in April appointed to bring y^e Sd wights and meafuers to be proved."

Joseph Daniell, then Junior, was on a committee of five, March 9, 1772, to "Rebuild or Repair y^e Bridges," and March 9, 1795, he was on a committee "for building a school house in said District," the Lower Falls, and the same year to hire teachers, and was district school committee 1797.

On April 19, 1775, he was a sergeant of the West Company, and March 10, 1777, was one of the town "Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety," which consisted of three. For military service of Joseph, *Samuel*, and *Timothy*, see Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. III. There is an S. A. R. marker on the grave of Joseph. He was chosen a deacon of the Second or West Church August 16, 1799, and served to May 17, 1805. In 1798 he and his wife were dismissed from the First Church to the West Church, and the same year he was one of the committee of the West Precinct, and its collector 1800.

A few notes as to this family may be of value.

Sergeant *Joseph Daniles* was in N. in 1711, and was selectman and assessor 1712. In 1712 he was on the boundary committee (see John Smith Jr.), fence viewer 1713, '14, '16, '17, '19. "Sargt" Joseph Daniel was one of the "Seruaiers of highways" in 1714, '19, '20, tythingman 1716, '18. He died in 1720.

Joseph was selectman and assessor 1751, as was *Samuel* in 1755; *Jeremiah* was selectman 1783. The latter was a corporal in the West Company April 19, 1775, and the town has placed a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave (Need. Ephs., p. 13).

He was on a committee to care for the soldiers' families, May 22, 1778. He was baptized Oct. 21, 1744, son of Joseph, selectman and assessor 1751, and brother of Deacon Joseph whose epitaph I have given.

Timothy was at York as a soldier in September, 1776. For military service of Jeremiah see Year-book S. A. R. 1897, p. 230, and Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. III, for others of the name. Timothy was collector for the West Precinct 1781.

Samuel was a corporal of the Needham minute men April 19, 1775.

Timothy was treasurer of the First Parish 1839-40 (two years), and on its standing committee 1852, '53. The standing committee of the parish corresponds to the selectmen of the town, the parish being organized the same as a town so far as its principal officers are concerned.

Timothy was also deacon of the First Church from July, 1849, until his death. His resignation was offered August 5, 1859, in consequence of illness or removal from town, but was not accepted. The latter portion of his life he resided in Roxbury, where he d. Mar. 5, 1894.

40

(Willow and urn.)

*In memory of | MRS MARY DANIELLS | wife of | Dea. Joseph
Daniells, | who died June 6th, 1803. | Aged 56 Years.*

She was dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth Cummings, and widow of Moses Keith. She m. Joseph Daniel, Jr., Nov. 27, 1777. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

41

(Willow.)

*In memory of | Chester, Son of | Mr Joseph Daniells Jr. | & Mrs
Nabby Daniells | who died Sep^r 20th | 1807. Aged 10 Days.*

thy rest
Sleep on sweet babe and take ^
best
God call'd the home He saw it ^

Chester was b. Sept. 10, 1807. Joseph Daniells, Jr., was son of 39 and 40. "Feb: 23: 1762 N.(ight) Joseph Daniel

had a Son born Jos : Daniel Jun," bapt. Apr. 5, 1767 (Ch. Rec.). This was a son of 39 by his first wife, and d. June 1, 1777 (Need. Ephs., p. 12). Joseph, Jr., m. June 11, 1806 (int. May 3), Abigail, b. May 22, 1784, dau. of Jeremiah and Abigail (Fisher) Daniell.

42

(Cherub's head and wings.)

In Memory of | Enth Ephraim Bullard | who died March 13th | 1779
in the 58th year | of his age.

*The sweet remembrance of the Just
Shall flourish when they sleep in Dust.*

He was b. Aug. 22, 1721, son of Nathaniel and Dorothy Bullard.

Nathaniel was in N. 1711, elected field driver 1713, surveyor of highways 1716, fence viewer 1718, selectman and assessor 1732, and declined that year, but served in both offices in 1740, '46. He was admitted to the Church in Needham September, 1727, and "laid hold on the Covenant 25 years since in Sudbury." (Ch. Recs.) I have not noted his service in the minor town offices subsequent to 1720. There is a place in Weston called Bullard's Mill. It is a mile or more from the old Needham line.

Ephraim was hogreave 1747/8, fence viewer 1753, field driver 1754, highway surveyor 1756, '57, '66, constable 1759, "Dearreave" 1760, selectman and assessor 1761, surveyor of bread 1772, '73; on a committee of five, November 18, 1772, "to Build a New Meeting House." He kept the Bullard tavern, which was located on or near the site of the Wellesley College lodge, and received the Lexington alarm, and spread the news. Bullard's Pond, now known as Lake Waban, covers 119 acres.

For more about the Bullards see 2.

On May 20, 1899, Mr. Hunt and I unearthed a foot-stone with H. B. on it, about one rod east of the foot-stone

43

(Willow.)

IN Memory of | Mrs Beulah Bullard, | wife of | Ensign Eph^m
Bullard, | who died | Jan^y 1802, | Æt. 75.

44

(Willow and urn.)

IN Memory of | Mrs. Beulah Bullard, | wife of | Cap^t
Eph^m Bullard, | who died | Oct^r 1802, | Æt. 52

Ephraim Bullard (45) and Beulah Goodenow were m. Nov.
21, 1771, by the Rev. Samuel West. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

45

(Willow and urn.)

IN MEMORY OF | CAP^t EPHRAIM BULLARD, | WHO
DIED | April 2, 1826, | Æt. 78.

He was b. July 29, 1747, son of 42 and 43, bapt. Aug. 26,
1747, by the Rev. Oliver Peabody.

Ephraim was drummer for the Needham minute men April
19, 1775, and "Inlifted and Went to the Island Near Boston
in y^e year 1776." (See Mass. S. and S. in Rev.) There is a
bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. He was an innholder
in 1782; treasurer of the West Precinct September 24, 1784-
March 24, 1788, fence viewer 1785, tythingman 1786, 1804,
'15, elected selectman in 1787, and declined, highway surveyor
1787, assessor 1790, '97, district school committee 1792, '94,
'98. In 1790 "Lieu^t" Ephraim Bullard was on the committee
to reckon with the town treasurer. This was an annual
committee, usually consisting of three, and appears in the
town records as early as 1727. In 1859 the selectmen and
town clerk were an auditing committee, and April 2, 1860,
the town chose three auditors, thus changing finally the old
name. Ephraim was collector for the West Precinct 1783,
on its committee 1784, '85, '89, '92, '96, '97, moderator at its
meeting in 1797; called Lieut. in 1789, Capt. in 1796.

Lieut. Bullard was on the committee to provide teachers
for the West Meeting house district in 1794, and August 4,
1794, he was on a committee in reference to "an allowance
being made to those men that are Drafted as minute men."

On September 14, 1795, he was on a committee "to see what they can purchase each Schoolhouse in the Town for," and December 17, 1795, "to Build new Schoolhouse where they are needed." On May 9, 1796, he was on two committees, in which all the districts were represented; the first was "for building & repairing School Houses," and the other "to asertain what each Proprietors right is in the School Houses." On March 11, 1799, he was on a committee "to make Alterations in highway Districts." He was hogreave in 1804. He and his wife were dismissed from the First Church to the West Church in 1798. He m. secondly, Dec. 1, 1803, Mrs. Abigail Richards of Dedham. (Dedham T. Rec.)

46

(Urn.)

In memory of | Mifs Mercy Peabody, | *Daught. of the Rate*
Rev^d Oliver Peabody of Na^(tick) | who died Nov^r 20th
 1804 : | *Ætatis* 72.

*Serve God and devote yourself to him,
 And then may you with me
 "Peaceful sleep out the Sabbath of the tomb,
 And awake to raptures, in a life to come."*

Rev. Oliver Peabody m. May 9, 1723, Hannah Baxter. He and four of his children are buried at South Natick (grave-stones).



47

In memory | of | PETER LYON | who died | November 18th.,
 1863, | Aged 87 years.

*"In a full age, like as a shock
 of corn cometh in in his season."*

He was b. in Milton, Nov. 11, 1776, son of Jacob and Jerusha (Tucker) Lyon. (See 550.)

He was surveyor of highways 1811, '13, Lower Falls district school committee 1811, '13-16, '20, '21, '23, '26, North district school committee (first instance in the town records

of the Lower Falls district being the "North" district) 1824, prudential school committee, North district, 1828-30, '34, assessor 1816, selectman 1817, '20-23, '25, '26, '30.

He was one of the committee chosen October 27, 1816, to consider the division of the town. Ten, apparently the entire number, including at least five from East Needham, reported May 1, 1817, in favor of division. From 1811-16 he was one of the West Precinct committee. He was a justice of the peace, and commonly called "Squire." For many years he was a paper manufacturer at "Needham Lower Falls," being in company with his brother Amos. In 1819 he attended a Baptist church in Newton.

Peter Lyon of Newton and Charlotte Seaverns of Weston were m. Mar. 16, 1806. She was b. Sept. 9, 1785, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stratton) Seaverns. The births of three children of Mr. Lyon and his first wife are recorded in Needham, and those of nine children by his second wife.

Peter's dau. Harriet E. m. Benjamin F. Parker (int. Apr. 22, 1836, of Benjamin W. Parker of Natick, and Harriette E. Lyon. T. Rec.), and *their* dau. Eva m. Col. Robert Green Ingersoll. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Parker went to Peoria, Ill., starting soon after their wedding, which took place in the old house opposite the North school-house.

48

(Um.)

LOUISA | *Daug^t of Mr Peter & Mrs Louis^a* | LYON | died
Aug^t 12, 1802 : | *Æt* 13 months

*We scarce enjoy the balmy gift,
But mourn the pleasure gone.*

She was b. July 13, 1801.

49

(Um.)

IN memory of | MRS. LOUIZA LYON, | *wife of* | MR. PETER
LYON, | who died Nov. 10, 1804. | *Ætatis* 25.

*Could grateful love recall the fleeting breath
Or fond affection sooth relentless death
Then had this stone neer claim'd a social tear
Nor read to thoughtless man a lesson here.*

"Louice" b. in Weston, March 21, 1780, dau. of Thaddeus and Lydia (Train) Spring, who were m. Oct. 7, 1761 (pub. May 30), and had a large family born in Weston. (Weston T. Rec.) Peter Lion of Newton and Louisa Spring of Weston were m. Apr. 18, 1797 (pub. Mar. 25, 1797). (Weston T. Rec.)

50 IN Memory of | MRS. LOUIS BAKER | *wife of* | Mr. Timothy Baker, | who died | Feb. 11th 1812, | Æt. 77

*Stop here my friend and drop a tear
Over the dust that slumbers here
And when you read this date of me
Think on the glass that runs for thee.*

Timothy Baker of Dedham and Mrs. Lois Brown of Newton were m. June 21, 1780, by Leonard Williams, J. P., in Waltham. Dr. Bond in his History of Watertown regards Lois as sister of 51. Her name is spelled *Louis* on the stone.

51

(Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | In Memory of | MR. SAMUEL BROWN | who died | April 20, 1817, | Æt. 81.

*Behold and see as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me.*

William and Mary (Pain) Brown had a son Samuel b. May 18, 1747, and I cannot explain the discrepancy as to his age. Both the town record of his death and the gravestone give it as 81. "May 24 (1747) Samuel Son of William Brown" was bapt. (Ch. Rec.) William Brown and Mary Pain were m. Apr. 2, 1746. (T. and Ch. Recs.) Pain in former, Paine in latter. "Mar. 23^d (1766) Mary Wife of William Brown admitted to full Communion." (Ch. Rec.)

Samuel Brown was a corporal in the Needham company of minute men April 19, 1775, and there is an iron S. A. R. marker on his grave, placed there by a descendant. For his

military service see Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. II, and Year-book S. A. R., 1897, p. 197. He was one of the four wardens elected in 1774. The wardens looked after the poor, and were chosen annually from 1762 to 1789. In 1778 three wardens and three overseers of the poor were chosen. In 1764 there were four wardens; on March 11, 1750/1, three overseers of the poor were elected, but there had been none for twenty years. The selectmen are now the overseers of the poor.

Samuel Brown was a tythingman 1782, highway surveyor 1784, '91, '92, '95, selectman 1785-88, hogreave 1790, '91, field driver 1791, 1804.

Samuel Brown was set off to the West Parish. (Laws and Resolves 1793 chapter 41.) In 1791 he had been chosen by the West Precinct to collect what was due for 1790. In 1812 and 1814 he was a Methodist, attending the church in "The Hundreds."

52

(Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | *In Memory of* | MRS. LOIS BROWN, | *Wife of Mr.*
Samuel Brown, | who died June 22, 1831 : | Æt. 100.

*Surviving mortals, mark it well !
 As none the time of death can tell ;
 Nor his attack, nor power defeat,
 Be ever ready death to meet.*

She was b. Nov. 9, 1733, dau. of Simon and Abia (Sanderson) Coolidge, who were m. Jan. 9, 1725. Lois m. in Watertown, Oct. 14, 1765, Samuel Brown. (Bond's Watertown.) She and her husband "owned the covenant" in Watertown, July 27, 1766. In 1819 she was a Methodist and attended the church in "The Hundreds."

53 JACOB BROWN | died | Mar. 19, 1839, | Æt. 75, yrs.

He was bapt. in Watertown, Oct. 17, 1766, son of 51 and 52 (Bond); hogreave 1796, field driver 1820, '22, '25-27, '30. He was a Methodist and attended the church in "The Hundreds."

This is a small stone, and is in the north corner of the yard.

Walter was b. Oct. 1, 1789, son of Joseph and Mary (Curtis) Stedman. See p. 67.

59

(Rose.)

JOHN TURNER | DIED | Oct. 17, 1854, | Æt. 66 yrs., 3 mos. |
& 17 ds.

*Far from affliction, toil, and care,
The happy soul is fled;
The breathless clay shall slumber here,
Among the silent dead.*

*Now he resides where Jesus is,
Above this dusky sphere:
His soul was ripen'd for that bliss,
While yet he sojourn'd here.*

He was b. in England, son of Joseph and Sarah Turner. The town record of his death gives his age as 66 yrs., 3 mos., 27 dys. John and Margaret Turner had seven children b. in Needham 1833-43. Their son Henry d. Mar. 9, 1843, aged 16 years. (T. Rec.) There was a John Turner who was surveyor of highways for the North Centre district, 1863, '66.

60

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | Mr. | JOSEPH KINGSBURY, | who died | Oct.
14, 1830. | Æt. 53.

He was b. Jan. 29, 1777, son of Joseph and Mary (Eaton) Kingsbury, who had seven children whose births are recorded in Needham.

61 NANCY | Daughter of | Joseph & Nancy | KINGSBURY, |
Died Dec. 8, 1843, | Æt. 15 yrs.

Lovelier in Heaven's sweet climate, yet the same.

During the first week of August, 1899, this stone was replaced by a handsome new one inscribed NANCY KINGSBURY. | JAN. 12. 1829. | DEC. 8. 1843.

Nancy was b. Jan. 12, 1829, dau. of 60 and Nancy (Bacon) Kingsbury, who were m. Apr. 22, 1813.

62-63

(Willow.)

(Willow.)

*In memory of three children of
Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Nancy Kingsbury.*

CHARLOTTE

died

Oct. 18, 1823.

Æt. 4 yr. 8 mo.

*an infant born &
died June 9, 1814.*

NANCY

died

Oct. 8, 1823,

Æt. 6 W^e

*Sleep on sweet babe & take
thy rest.
God took the away when he
thought best.*

Charlotte was b. Feb. 17, 1819. Nancy was b. Aug. 23, 1823. Charlotte, sister of 62 and 63, was one of the school committee 1874-76.

On January 7, 1830, five children of Joseph and Nancy Kingsbury were bapt., viz: Willard, Joseph, Charles, Charlotte and Nancy. (West Ch. Rec.)

Between August 1st and 3d, 1899, three new stones were placed in the Kingsbury lot: one is in memory of *Nancy (Bacon)*, wife of 60, and the others bear the names respectively of her son *Willard* and dau. *Nancy* (61). For the first two inscriptions see the end of this book.

No. 60 was a great-grandson of Josiah Kingsbury, one of the early settlers of the town.

Apparently there were three or more distinct races of Kingsburys in Needham in the last century.

Some account of the more prominent men of this name, whose epitaphs are not included in this volume, may be of interest.

Josiah, son of Eleazer of Dedham, was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town 1710, surveyor of highways 1712, town treasurer 1714, '19-22, '28-30, '36-38, selectman and assessor 1716, '17, '20-23, '25, '26, '28, selectman only '38, representative to the General Court 1728, '29, '31. (Need. Ephs., p. 3.) I have not attempted to name the numerous

minor town offices held by the early Kingsburys subsequent to 1720.

On September 7, 1730, Josiah, as town treasurer, had paid £6 for wild cats killed. On May 14, 1829, the town voted to pay a bounty of ten cents a head for crows. Josiah lived where the Wellesley poor-house is, and this farm remained in the possession of his descendants for more than one hundred years.

Capt. *Caleb*, son of Josiah preceding, was selectman 1752, '54, '59, '62, '70, '73, assessor 1752, '54, '59, '62, '65, '70, town treasurer 1766-68, treasurer of the West Precinct January 9, 1775-September 24, 1784.

On August 31, 1774, he was chosen "To attend a County Convention at the House of M^r. Woodward Inholder in Dedham on Tuesday the Sixth Day of September Next at Ten O'Clock before Noon, To Deliberate and Determine Upon all matters as the Distressed Circumstances of this Province May Require."

He was captain of the Needham minute men April 19, 1775, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

On March 19, 1779, he was on the committee to decide upon the compensation of soldiers (see Capt. Robert Smith, p. 15), and March 17, 1780, he was on the committee to "Supply the Continental Soldiers' Families." He was moderator of meetings of the West Precinct 1780-83. (Need. Ephs., p. 16.)

Col. *Jonathan*, son of Capt. Caleb preceding, was in the Needham militia April 19, 1775, and went to West Cambridge. He was an officer later in the war, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. In 1898 the town placed twenty-nine such markers on the graves of its soldiers of the Revolution, buried in the old graveyard on Nehoiden Street. See Year-book S. A. R., 1897, p. 329, for his service.

Jonathan was a second lieutenant in the 1st Suffolk Regiment of militia in 1782, and was lieutenant-colonel command-

ing the 1st Regiment of militia, 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 1795-99.

He was assessor 1776, '78, '79, '82, '86, '90-95, '99-1802, selectman 1782, '90, '93-96, '98-1803, and was elected in 1797, but declined, representative to the General Court 1793, '98, '99, '1801, '03, town treasurer 1793-1806, justice of the peace from June 13, 1800, and in 1806 was the only one in town. He was one of the assessors of the West Precinct in 1778, on its committee 1789-91, '93, and on the standing committee of the First Parish 1801, '02, '04. On May 15, 1794, he was a delegate to a convention of the towns in Norfolk County, which met at Henry Vose's in Milton.

"He was a very accurate surveyor of land." (Need. Ephs., p. 21.)

In a private record kept by his grandfather, Rev. Jonathan Townsend, is the following: "Aug: 4. 1751. My Daughter Esther Kingsbery was safely delivered of a Son, providentially at my house. its name Jonathan." From this it appears that Col. Kingsbury was born in the house now the home of the writer.

His son *Leonard* was collector for the First Parish 1811, compensation .03%. In 1800 Col. Jonathan's estate was annexed to the East Parish, but after his death his sons Leonard and *Cyrus* were involved in litigation with the West Parish, which claimed that the act of the General Court had reference only to the life-time of Col. Jonathan. See Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. IV, p. 28.

Col. Kingsbury's note-book of accounts for sawing lumber 1786-1803, has recently come into my possession. His saw-mill was located on Rosemary Brook north of where it passes under what is now Wellesley Avenue.

He had some memoranda in this book relating to military matters, and I copy the following which are of the period of Shay's Rebellion.

"Memorandum Book. Jan. 16th 1787 The West Company in Needham Met at y^e West Meeting House for the

Purpose of Detaching 14 Men to Rendousvous at Roxbury y^e 19th Instant. Jan. 18th Both Companys Met at y^e East Meeting House Also a Town Meeting to Raife Men. The Town voted not to Raise Men by y^e Present Orders. Jan. 22^d 1787 The West Company met at y^e L^t Eph^m Bullards the Following persons were Detached to be in Service 30 Days from y^e 23^d Instant Viz^t Seth Gould Thom. Discomb Ju^r Solomon Brackett Benoni Muzzy Nathan Mills Will^m Kingsbury David Trull Ju^r Abijah Stevens Amos Morse Daniel Hawes David Bacon Eliab Moore Nathan Dewing Abel Stevens Feb 6th 1787 Rec^d ordirs to Detach 9 Men the for 6 wee^k west Company was warn'd to Meet at L^t Bullards y^e 8th int one o. Clock the orders were Countermanded y^e Same Day at 10 o. Clock. May 25. 1787 The west Company Met at y^e west Meeting house for the Purpose of viewing arms. also the whole division met y^e same day at each companys usual place of Parade for the same purpose June 12. 1787 The West Company met at y^e West Meeting House for the purpose of Compleating the Review Oct 15th & 29th ye West Company met at y^e West Meeting house. June 5th & 19th 1788 the west Company at y^e West Meeting house 26 in Frocks

"Oct 12 & 13 1790 Gel Ponds Brigade Paraded at Walpole Nov y^e 9 1790 at a Court martial held at Henry Voses in milton for y^e Trial of Capt Nath^l Wales for refusing to arrest Ens Ayers for Disobediance of Order & for said Ayers Refusing to Turn out on y^e 23 of August when Order therefor by his Cap^t"

Then follow the names of the court martial, which numbered thirteen officers including Capt. Kingsbury of Needham. Jacob Gill was president, and John Lovel judge advocate of the court.

"Sep^t 27 & 28 Gen Ponds Brigade Paraded at walpole on Sep^t y^e 27 & 28."

Jesse, son of Jesse, and cousin of Col. Jonathan, was a private in the Needham minute men April 19, 1775.

Joseph, son of Jesse, and brother of Jesse preceding, was in the West Company April 19, 1775; probably the Joseph who was on the West Precinct Committee 1794, '95.

Eliphalet, Jr., son of Eliphalet, and cousin of Col. Jonathan, was in the West Company April 19, 1775.

William, probably brother of Eliphalet, Jr., preceding, was in the West Company April 19, 1775.

William Alden, son of Josiah, and nephew of Eliphalet, Jr., and William preceding, was assessor 1829, assistant assessor 1834, '35, selectman 1834. He was a prominent member of the First Parish. (Need. Ephs., p. 63.)

Isaac Martin, son of William Alden, was assessor 1881-84, '86, '87, and was chairman 1884, '86, '87.

George Otis, son of William Alden, was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1879, '80.

George Lyman, son of Lyman Edward, and nephew of George Otis, was a registrar of voters 1887-96, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1887 to April, 1891, '97, chosen to act as deacon of the First Church May 26, 1894. He has rendered valuable service in the First Parish choir, of which his father, a tenor singer, was for thirty years the leader. The latter also played the violin. On April 7, 1895, the day when the 175th anniversary of the organization of the Church was commemorated, John Fisher Mills read a paper relative to the music in the First Church since the last century, and this was printed in the Needham Chronicle. Kingsbury Street was named for *Lyman Edward*, whose original name was Edward Lyman.

Deacon *Eleazer*, son of Eleazer of Dedham, and brother of Josiah, was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of the town 1710; one of the "Seruaiers of highways" in 1714, tythingman 1719, constable 1720, selectman and assessor 1716, '17, '21, '27, '29-31, '33, '36, '39, '41, '46-48, with the exception of 1733 and '41 when he was selectman only, town treasurer 1715, assessor 1737/38, deacon of the First Church.

February 4, 1729/30 to January 9, 1746/7. (Need. Ephs., p. 10.)

Capt. *Eleazer*, son of Deacon Eleazer, was assessor 1750, '53, '56, '57, '60, '62, '66-68, selectman 1753, '56-58, '60, '62, '64, '65, '67, '68, '70, '73, town treasurer 1756-63, representative to the General Court 1768, '69-71, '74, '79, moderator of nine or more meetings of the West Precinct 1775-80, and on the precinct committee 1778-81.

On August 31, 1774, he was chosen a delegate, together with Capt. Caleb Kingsbury, to the county convention.

On January 19, 1775, he and Lieut. John Bacon, Lieut. John Ness, Capt. Aaron Smith and Samuel Daggett were the committee chosen by the West Precinct to arrange the boundary with the East Parish. The records of the precinct, which was merely an ecclesiastical one, begin June 23, 1774, four years before the General Court authorized the division of the town into two parishes, and are in fine condition to the final dissolution of the precinct in 1870. The first volume contains an old document dated February 13, 1766.

Lieut. John Ness was moderator of the third meeting held in the West Precinct, April 10, 1775. He lived a short distance west of the residence of Hon. Joseph E. Fiske. Of the prominent members of this precinct, to 1815 inclusive, who are not elsewhere mentioned in this work, were:—

William Bigelow, on the precinct committee 1798-1804.

Dr. Isaac Morrill, on the precinct committee 1799, moderator of a meeting in 1798 and again in 1801.

Eliakim Morrill, moderator in 1798, '99.

Capt. John Atkins, on the precinct committee 1803, '04.

Isaac Bigelow, on the precinct committee 1814—.

For items as to Deacon William Bigelow and others see the History of the Wellesley Congregational Church, by the Rev. Edward Herrick Chandler.

Eleazer was also a delegate to the first Provincial Congress, which met at Concord, October, 1774, and to the second which met at Cambridge, February, 1775.

On April 19, 1775, he was second lieutenant of the Needham minute men, and was wounded. There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

In 1778 he was on the committee "to hier the men that are now to be raifed. Difcrecinary, and at the best Method they can." These men were to reinforce General Washington, and for the Army on Hudson River, and March 17, 1780, Eleazer was on the committee to "Supply the Continental Soldiers' Families." (Need. Ephs., p. 14.)

Enoch, son of Capt. Eleazer, was a corporal in the West Company April 19, 1775, and later, when a lieutenant, received from the town £3, 6s., 8d. for going to York in 1776. On January 29, 1781, he was on the committee "to Procure the men that are Now Called for."

Joseph, Jr., son of Capt. Eleazer, was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. (Need. Ephs., p. 22.) He was assessor 1780, '96, 1801, on the West Precinct committee 1786, '87, '89.

Eleazer, son of Joseph, Jr., preceding, was assessor 1822, '25.

Jonathan, son of Jonathan, earlier ancestry not known to the writer, was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. (Need. Ephs., p. 27.) It is possible that he was in the East Company, and that the Jonathan in the West Company was the son of Capt. Caleb. Jonathan was a collector for the First Parish 1792.

Deacon *Timothy*, son of Nathaniel of Dedham, was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710, selectman 1711-18, '20, '21, '23, '24, '32, '33, '36, '39, '47, assessor 1712-18, '20, '21, '23, '24, '32, '36, '39, '42, '47, town clerk 1711-18, '20, '21, '23, '24, town treasurer 1725, surveyor of "Hemp & flax," the first chosen in Needham, 1735; elected a deacon of the First Church May 17, 1720, and served to January 9, 1746/7. (Need. Ephs., p. 7.)

Cornet *Timothy*, son of Deacon Timothy, was assessor in 1742, the only case in our records of a father and son serving

together on that board and constituting a majority. (Need. Ephs., p. 13.)

Ensign *Timothy*, son of Cornet Timothy, was on a committee to "Provide for the Families of those men that are in the Continental army," in 1779 and 1780; one of the collectors for the First Parish 1784.

Moses, son of Cornet Timothy, was on a committee to care for the soldiers' families in 1779, a collector for the First Parish 1791. He owned at the time of his decease about 95 acres of land in Needham.

Daniel, son of Moses preceding, was town clerk 1799, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1827.

Lieutenant *Lemuel*, brother of preceding, was on the standing committee of the First Parish in 1831.

Jeremiah, brother of preceding, was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1823, '32, '40, elected parish treasurer March 26, 1832, and declined. (Need. Ephs., p. 53.)

Asa, 2d, brother of preceding, was collector for the First Parish 1817, compensation 4½%. (Need. Ephs., p. 63.)

Nathaniel, son of Hezekiah, and grandson of Deacon Timothy, was a private in the Needham minute men April 19, 1775.

James, parentage not known to the writer, was surveyor of highways 1714, '18, fence viewer 1717, selectman in 1732, '41, '43, assessor 1732, '43. Probably the James who was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710.

John, parentage not known to the writer, was selectman in 1766.

Deacon *Thomas*, b. in Gilsom, N. H., son of James, was tax collector 1827, assessor 1828, '30, '34-36 (resigned in 1836), '37, '38, '41, '43-46, assistant assessor to take the general valuation 1831, '50, selectman 1829, '30, '32, '33, '35, representative to the General Court 1834-36, '48, '49, collector for the First Parish 1827, '43-47 (.03½% compensation in 1827), on its standing committee 1838, '42-44, '54-59, sexton March 9, 1840-March 22, 1851, deacon of the First Church July,

1849-May 14, 1859, justice of the peace April 19, 1839—.
(Need. Ephs., p. 48.)

For an account of the Deacons of the First Church in Needham see an article in the Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 73, by the writer of this.

Deacon *Lauren*, brother of Deacon Thomas preceding, was deacon of the Second Baptist Church in Newton (Upper Falls) February 8, 1835-1868. Selectman in Needham 1837, '38, '56, '57, tax collector 1834, assessor 1847-52 (resigned in 1852), 1853-56, '60, '64, representative of the town in the General Court 1855, of the district 1858, auditor 1865, '66.

He d. Dec. 23, 1894, aged 89 yrs., 3 mos., and was buried in his family lot in the old graveyard on Nehoiden Street. (Need. Ephs., p. 56.) This street is named for an Indian who with others once owned a large territory including what is now Needham. He is said to have been the sole owner of this locality. In an Indian deed, dated 1665, of what is now Braintree, Old Hahatun and William Nahanton are mentioned in the body of the instrument, but in the signatures the names are Old Nahatun and William Hahatun, the latter possibly an autograph. Drake's Book of the Indians, pp. 108 and 109, states in a note that William Hahatun was also called Nahaton or Ahaton. The records of the Proprietors of Dedham call him William Nahuton, and it is said that in the Dedham town records, 1680, he is called Nehoiden. (Worthington's History of Dedham, p. 21.) In a deed of Boston and vicinity, 1695, William Hahaton and Ahawton, senior, are named in the body of the instrument, and the signatures are Ahawton, Senr., and Willm Hahaton, the latter name perhaps written by the Indian himself as there is nothing to indicate a mark. On March 19, 1684/5, "Wm Ahawton Jr. in behalf of himself and his father Ahawton, Indians," acknowledged the deed. See Suffolk Registry, and Snow's History of Boston, p. 389. There is a Nahatan Street in Westwood, Nahanton Street in Newton and in Needham there is a tract of land called Hahaton Field.

Albert Dexter (M. D.), recently returned to town after an absence of five years, was for a quarter of a century a physician here, served three years as chairman of the board of health, and was on the standing committee of the Evangelical Congregational Society, and a deacon of the church. For sketch and portrait see "One of a Thousand" 1890.

Henry Augustus is a veteran fireman, who has been for some years the efficient chief engineer of our fire department.

The foregoing list is not exhaustive as to the Kingsburys who have lived in Needham, and have been more or less prominent there, and those named have held many minor town offices of which I have made no mention.

64

(Willow and urn.)

THIS STONE | is raised to support | the Memory of | MR TIMOTHY
HUNTING, | who died | Oct. 1793 : | in the 41st year of his age.

Honesty, Industry, and | Benevolence were thine.

He was b. Jan. 13, 1753, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Hunting, who had six children whose births are recorded in Needham.

Timothy was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and was a corporal when he "Done a turn" early in the war, was in the army at York in December, 1776, and there is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. In 1778 he was a collector for the West Precinct, and on December 27, 1780 he was one of the committee of three "to hire the men that are Now Called for." He was a tythingman 1780, fence viewer 1782, '84, '90, field driver 1783, '88, '91, highway surveyor 1785, deerreave 1789-93. The Hunting Genealogy states that he was killed by an accident in his mill.

The name of Hunting has been identified with the town from the earliest times. *Stephen* was a petitioner for incorporation in 1710, and was its first sealer of leather and chosen March 14, 1719/20. *Jonathan* was a selectman and assessor 1734, '35. *Daniel* was on the standing committee of the

First Parish 1800, selectman 1813-15. He d. Feb. 20 or 21, 1834. (Dr. Josiah Noyes' diary.) *Daniel, Jr.* was collector for the West Precinct 1791. *Moses, Daniel, Jr., Jonathan, William* and *Israel* were in the West Company April 19, 1775. *Stephen* was then a minute man, and Jonathan and Israel enlisted for service in Canada in February, 1777, and received a bounty of £7 each. For Israel's service see Year book S. A. R., 1897, p. 315. Hunting Road is named for a family of Huntings who once lived in what is now Hahaton Field.

64a

(Willow and urn.)

THIS STONE | is raised to support | the Memory of | MRS. LUCY
HUNTING, | *Wife of Mr. Timothy Hunting; | who died Nov.*
1800 : | *in the 46, year of her age*

*Her body rests beneath this sod,
Her soul is with her maker God.*

Timothy Hunting and Lucy Savage were m. Sept. 26, 1774.
(T. and Ch. Recs.)

65-73 TIMOTHY HUNTING, | Died Dec. 22, 1871. | Aged
74 Years.

MARY B. HUNTING, | Died May 5, 1862. | Aged 65 Years. |

Mary Aged 15 | Jane 2 | Marshall 2 | Willard 2 | Sanford
P. 1 | Jonas B. 1 | Henry P. 15

Children of | Timothy & M. B. Hunting.

The names of the children are arranged in a column following Mary. The word "Aged" is not repeated.

Timothy was b. May 4, 1798, son of Israel and Rhoda (Dewing) Hunting, who were m. June 24, 1779. (T. and Ch. Recs.) Israel, who was collector for the West Precinct in 1785, d. June 1, 1834, aged 76 years, and Rhoda d. July 15, 1834, aged 72. (Dr. Josiah Noyes' diary and West. Ch. Rec.) Timothy m. Nov. 25, 1819 (int. Oct. 25), Mary Barnard, and the births of ten of their children, not including Willard, are recorded in Needham.

Timothy was a hogreave in 1820, field driver 1830. Mary was b. Aug. 4, 1820, Jane was b. Mar. 24, 1825, d. Oct. 13, 1827, Marshall was b. Apr. 23, 1830, Henry was b. May 2, 1836, Sanford Palmer was b. Mar. 28, 1832, and Jonas Barnard was b. Jan. 28, 1829.

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(Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | In Memory of | Mrs. MARY EUSTIS, | *Wife of* | Mr.
Thomas Eustis ; | *who died* | Aug. 9, 1812 : | *Æt.* 46.

75

(Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | In Memory of | Mr. THOMAS EUSTIS, | *who died* | April
25, 1809 : | *Æt.* 45.

He was b. Oct. 12, 1763, son of Thomas and Katherine (Wheat) Eustis of Newton (letter of William Tracy Eustis). Thomas was chosen deacon of the Congregational Church at West Newton, February 17, 1800 ; he was then Thomas, Jr., and resigned April 27, 1806. He m. Mary Dana.

76

(Willow.)

JOSEPH WINSHIP | DIED | Apr. 30, 1852. | *Æt.* 82 y'rs.

He was 82 yrs., 4 mos., 7 dys. (T. Rec.), and was b. in West Cambridge, Dec. 17, 1770, son of James and Lydia (Phillips) Winship. (Paige's Cambridge.)

In 1845 *Daniel* was a field driver and fence viewer.

Joseph at one time lived in an old house on Charles River Street, which house was purchased, with 65 acres of land, in 1804 of Nathan Whiting by Jarat Tucker. In 1808 Mr. Tucker deeded the place, with land in Milton and elsewhere, to his son Enos Houghton, *whose* son the Honorable Enos Houghton was born in this house. In 1819 Enos H. sold the farm, increased to 80 acres, to Capt. Reuben Ware, who lived on it for many years. Jarat Tucker bought 7 acres of land, to the east of his farm, of Jethro and Dinah Cato in 1806.

The cellar is still visible, but the house was burned some years since. Within the past fifteen or twenty years no less

than five old abandoned houses on this street have been burned.

A short distance west of the Tucker house was the Timothy Broad and William Pierce house, and to the east was the Samuel Fisher house, better known as the "Liddy" Fisher house, one of the oldest houses in town. The Gay-Reynolds house, the home in the time of the Revolution of Lieutenant Jonathan Gay, stood at the foot of the hill, west of Grove Street, but only the outbuildings remain. In 1831 Jarat Tucker occupied this house.

At the corner of Central Avenue and Charles River Street was the Newell-Fisher house, once the home of Capt. Ebenezer Fisher, and the birthplace of several persons who became prominent. This house will be mentioned later in this book. Besides the houses that were burned, the old Nathan Jennison house, in a field northwest of the Tucker house, has been torn down. In 1817 Mr. Jennison bought this house, with 11 acres of land, of Noah French of Boston, who got the place of Jesse Tolman in 1816. It was probably earlier a homestead of the McIntires who owned land to the south. The Chamberlain house formerly on Grove Street, opposite the northern driveway of Arthur Wallace Pope, has been removed to the south of Charles River Street, and a large part of it utilized for a farm house and for a shop. In this old house lived Ethel Jennings, and in earlier times the Dewings and others. There may have been a house on the same site prior to the one removed. The Jacob Pierce house stood on the south side of the road, southwest of the Gay-Reynolds house. Apparently the road now Charles River Street formerly ended at the Gay place. Jacob Pierce was an ancestor of the Pierces now living on Charles River Street.

77 SUSAN, | wife of | *Joseph Winship*, | DIED | Feb. 3, 1867, |
Æt. 87 y'rs.

She was 86 yrs., 10 mos., and was b. in Brookline, dau. of Thaddeus and Lydia (Woodward) Jackson. (T. Rec.)

78-79

(Willow.)

(Willow.)

*In memory of two Children
of Mr. Henry and Mrs.
Sally Travis.*

SALLY
died
May 9, 1821,
Æt. 2 years.

MARTHA A.
died
Jan. 30, 1833,
Æt. 5 years.

*See Israel gentle Shepherd stand,
With all ingaging charmes;
Hark how he calls the tender lambs
And fold them in his arms.*

Sally's name is not in the town records. Martha Ann was
b. Sept. 19, 1827.

Henry Travis of Weston m. Sally Stevens Jan. 24, 1811
(int. Dec. 29, 1810), dau. of 28 and 29, perhaps the Sally b.
in Needham, Oct. 30, 1792.

80 MARY | Wife of | Jonas Loker, | DIED | Oct. 17, 1859, |
aged 82 yrs.

She was 82 yrs., 1 dy., and was b. in Needham, dau. of 44
and 45. (T. Rec.) See 469.

81

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | ALBERT W. HURD | Son of George and | S. M.
Hurd. | Who died | March 22 1842. | Aged 2 years.

He rests in heaven.

82-84 In memory of | JONATHAN HURD, | died Jan'y 10,
1844, | Æt. 72 yrs.

In memory of | SARAH E. | daughter of Geo. & S. M. | HURD, |
died Aug. 10, 1845, Æt. 21 ys.

In memory of | ALBERT, | son of Geo. & S. M. Hurd, | died Mar.
22, 1842, | Æt. 2 yrs.

Nos. 81 and 84 appear to be identical. Albert Worthing,
son of George and Sarah Hurd. (T. Rec.)

85

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MR. GEORGE PRATT | *who died* | Nov.
13, 1837, | Æt. 79.

86 IN | memory of | Miss Sarah Miller, | *Daught. of Mr James*
 & | *Mrs Lydia Miller*; who | died July 7th 1796; | aged
 33 years.

She was b. in Charlestown, Jan. 25, 1763, dau. of James and Lydia (Coolidge) Miller, who were m. Feb. 23, 1762.

In 1798 James Miller was dismissed from the First Church in Cambridge to that in West Needham.

87

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MRS-MARY | wife of | David Beck, | died Sept. 6,
1848, | Æt. 57.

*When lingering pain her bosom tore,
Resigned she kissed the chastening rod,
Each mortal pang with meekness bore,
And smiled in death to meet her God.*

Her son Adam Beck says that she was b. in Ireland, dau. of Thomas and — (Shaw) Johnson, and that her husband David Beck was buried next to her. David was b. in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and came to America in 1830.

88-89

(Urn, willow, urn.)

ROBERT BECK, | died Mar. 1, 1838, | Æt. 11 ys. | Also . . . |
MARY BECK, | died Nov. 23, 1841, | Æt. 17 ys.

*Around this spot, few kindred footsteps tread
Yet here shall friendship's warmest tears be shed
And though the tongue has bid its last farewell
Yet on their names shall faithful memory dwell.*

They were b. in Ireland, children of 87.

Two driveways run from east to west, dividing the graveyard into three sections, and the foregoing inscriptions are all in the northern section, most of them near the church. These driveways do not continue through to the western

boundary of the yard. It is said that there are many graves beneath these driveways, and that some stones were moved when they were made.

90-97

(North face of a monument.)

SOLOMON F. SMITH, | DIED DEC. 17, 1881, | Æ. 80 YRS. 2 MOS.

LOUISA WARE, | WIFE OF SOLOMON F. SMITH, | DIED MAR.
20, 1847, | Æ. 43 YRS.

CAROLINE BROWN, | WIFE OF SOLOMON F. SMITH, | DIED
SEPT. 2, 1881, | Æ. 76 YRS. 5 MOS.

SMITH.

(East face.)

LUCINDA WARE, | WIFE OF | CHARLES MAYO, | DIED AUG. 4.
1839, | Æ. 35 YRS.

(South face.)

GEORGE. | ONLY SON OF | SOLOMON F. & LOUISA W. |
SMITH. | DIED MAR. 13, 1884, | Æ. 48 YRS. 10 MOS.

(West face.)

CAPT. GEORGE SMITH, | DIED | JULY 9, 1853, | Æ. 83 YRS.

REBECCA FULLER, | WIFE OF CAPT GEORGE SMITH | DIED
OCT. 31, 1801, | Æ. 27 YRS.

ANNA FULLER, | WIFE OF CAPT. GEORGE SMITH | DIED JAN.
27, 1813, | Æ. 34 YRS.

Solomon Fuller Smith was b. Oct. 13, 1801, son of 95 and 96, bapt. with his sister, Mary Colburn, Dec. 13, 1801. (West Ch. Rec.)

He was a hogreave 1827, '34, and in 1835 was chosen highway surveyor and declined. His son George was bapt. July 19, 1835. (West Ch. Rec.)

Louisa Ware was b. Apr. 17, 1804, dau. of 112 and 113, bapt. with her twin sister, Lucinda, Sept. 16, 1804. (West Ch. Rec.) Louisa m. Solomon F. Smith Mar. 20, 1834 (int. Feb. 22).

Caroline Brown m. Solomon F. Smith Mar. 27, 1851 (int. Mar. 26).

Lucinda Ware, twin with Louisa, 91, m. Charles Mayo of Chatham Aug. 21, 1834 (int. June 29). Charles Mayo was a surveyor of wood 1837, '38, and one of the three members of the superintending school committee 1839.

In 1774 three surveyors of timber were chosen, and March 11, 1805, surveyors of wood appear in the records. In 1813 the latter officials were seven in number, and from 1821-29 inclusive they were known as measurers of wood. In 1898 there were ten measurers of wood and bark chosen at the annual town meeting, and also three surveyors of lumber.

Capt. George Smith was b. July 10, 1770, bapt. Aug. 26, son of 101 and 102.

He was a hogreave 1800, '09, '11, '12, West district school committee 1804, '09, '11, '14, '17, '20, '22, '24, prudential school committee 1831, constable 1805, '06, tythingman 1806, '07, '12, '31, '32, fence viewer 1811, '18, '19, '28, field driver 1814, '15 (then eight in number), '20, surveyor of wood 1815, surveyor of highways 1816, '18 (in 1818 there were six of these surveyors), '27, '33, on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1809. He was one of the West Precinct committee 1805-08, '34, '35. Capt. Smith acquired his military title as early as 1807, and was a justice of the peace; selectman, 1817, '20, '22, '23, '26, assessor 1830 (succeeding, April 5, his brother "Squire" Aaron who declined), representative to the General Court 1843, '44.

On October 27, 1816, he was chosen one of a committee to consider the division of the town, and ten, apparently the entire committee, reported in favor of the division May 1, 1817. At least five members from East Needham signed the report.

On April 7, 1828, he was on a committee "to procure a farm for a Poor-house"; and that year the town bought the "Widow Emily Kingsbury farm" for the purpose. This estate is now, 1899, the Wellesley town farm.

Capt. Smith lived at his father's homestead. For inscription on gravestone see 100.

Rebecca Fuller was b. Feb. 9, 1775, dau. of Solomon and Mary (Colburn) Fuller, m. George Smith June 19, 1799. (T. and Ch. Recs.) See 98.

Anna Fuller m. Capt. George Smith (int. Nov. 24, 1810). See 99.

98 In | Memory of | M^{RS} Rebecca Smith | *Wife of Mr George Smith*; | Who died Oct^r 30, 1801 : | Ætatis 26.

*Beneath this stone I rest my head
In slumbers sweet Christ blest the bed
Weep not for me my pains are o'er
We soon shall meet to part no more.*

99

(Willow and urn.)

IN Memory of | Mrs. Anna Smith, | *wife of* | CAP^T GEORGE SMITH, | who died | Jan^r 27, 1813. | Æt. 34.

*Sorrow and sickness long I've borne,
Physicians ware in vain;
Till God was pleas'd to send a cure,
And ease me of my pain.*

100

(Willow and urn.)

CAP^T. | GEORGE SMITH | died July 9, 1853, | Æt. 83.

Nos. 98, 99 and 100 are identical with 96, 97 and 95.

The Smith lot and graves are near the entrance to the northern driveway from Church Street.

101

(Cherub's head and wings.)

IN | memory of | Cap^T Aaron Smith | who died Dec^r 4, 1795; | Ætatis 66.

He was b. Mar. 28, 1730, son of Jonathan and Martha Smith. Called Aaron Smith "Jun^r" in the church records written by the Rev. Jonathan Townsend.

Mr. Smith was a hogreave 1755, '57, "Dearreave" 1756, surveyor of highways 1761, and probably the Aaron Smith, Jr., who was a fence viewer 1767, '70, '72, '73 (in the latter year the Jr. was omitted, but had it been the aged Lieutenant Aaron the town clerk would probably have given his title.

Confusion is possible); on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1771, '73, '74, '87, one of three surveyors of timber 1774, constable for the west part of the town in 1775, warden 1784.

He commanded the militia company from the west part of Needham, April 19, 1775, served later in the war, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. The books of the town record payments to him at different times for military service. In one instance £12-6-8 was paid to him. (T. Rec., Vol. III, p. 155.)

On July 15, 1776, he was one of a committee of five "to Consult what Method to Raife the money to Incouriage the Men that are to be Raifed to Go to Canady" Capt. Robert Smith was also on this committee (see p. 15, where the year is omitted). On February 17, 1777, Capt. Aaron was on the committee "To See what has been paid, and who has Done a turn or part of a turn, Personally." This committee consisted of five, soon increased to seven. On May 6, 1778, he was one of a committee of five "to hier the men that are now to be raifed. Discrecinary, and at the best Method they can." On March 19, 1779, he was one of the five men chosen to fix the compensation of soldiers. (See Capt. Robert Smith, p. 15.) On August 2, 1779, Aaron was one of a committee of seven "to State the articles of marchandize and Cuntry Produce &c."

On May 18, 1780, he was on a committee of three to reckon with the committee "Chosen to Hire Men into the Publick Service of the war," also on the committee "to Con sider the Constitution of Government."

On January 29, 1781, he was one of nine appointed to ascertain the amount of the town's indebtedness, and in 1790 he was added to the committee to reckon with the town treasurer. On May 11, 1785, he was one of five chosen "To Give our Representative Some Instructions" and May 13, 1793, he was on a committee to make "Some alteration in the School Distric[t]s."

Capt. Smith was assessor 1758, '87, selectman 1789. He was elected selectman 1781, '83, but declined. In 1782, '90, '92 he was moderator of meetings of the West Precinct, and on its standing committee 1782-84, '86-88.

For an account of him by the writer of this, see the Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. VII, p. 136, and Vol. IX, p. 10.

The births of eight of his children are rec. in Needham, and their baptisms are in the church records. The latter also contain the baptisms of three other children, probably his, but I cannot distinguish with absolute certainty between the different Aarons. The three children referred to were those of Aaron, Jun'r, viz: *Eunice*, Aug. 30, 1772, *Patty*, Nov. 6, 1774, *Debbe*, Dec. 12, 1784.

102

(Cherub's head and wings.)

IN memory of | M^{rs} Beulah Smith, | *wife of Capt. Aaron Smith*; |
who died April 11—1796. | *Ætatis* 62.

She was b. Oct. 24, 1734, dau. of Benoni and Elizabeth (Mirick) Woodward, who were m. Nov., 1716.

Beulah m. Aaron Smith, Jr., Dec. 4, 1755. (T. and Ch. Recs.) "Sept: 26: 1756 Beulah Smith (Wife of Aaron Smith Jun^r) was admitted into the Chh." (Ch. Rec.)

Benoni Woodward was town treasurer 1726, elected March, 1731/2, and declined; a member of the first separate board of assessors, elected March, 1732/3, and also of the board in 1737, '38, '40. In March, 1740/1, he was again chosen assessor, but declined. He was selectman 1737, '40.

103

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | AARON | SMITH Esq. | who died | April 26, 1833. |
Æt. 76.

*In death's cold arms, the mortal body lies,
Sainted! to Heaven, the immortal spirit flies,
Applauding angels welcome, to their sphere,
A Father, tender, and a Husband dear.*

He was b. "At Night" Oct. 4, 1756 (Ch. Rec.), Oct. 5 (T. Rec.), bapt. Nov. 7, son of 101 and 102.

He was in his father's militia company April 19, 1775, and was a soldier at the siege of Boston and served for eight months. There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave.

He was constable 1798, West district school committee 1799, 1801, '07, '08, '18, hogreave 1805, surveyor of bread 1803-07, '09-13, fence viewer 1809, selectman 1790-99, 1801-04, '08-12, '17, '18 (resigned in May, 1818), '20, '22, '28, '29, assessor 1800, '02, '04-17, '20, '25, '26, '31, elected assessor in 1824 and 1830, but declined, was town treasurer 1822-24, inspecting school committee 1826, '27, delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1820, representative 1827, justice of the peace and moderator of many town meetings. On May 7, 1821, he and Elisha Lyon were chosen additional or assistant assessors "to afsist in taking the general Valuation."

Mr. Smith, or his father, was treasurer of the West Precinct March 24, 1788-March 24, 1791, and he (the son) was its treasurer from March 24, 1800-March 29, 1804, also clerk of the precinct March 27, 1820, until his decease, and on the precinct committee 1801, '02, '16-33.

He served on so many committees of the town that I can mention but a few of them.

On May 14, 1810, he was one of three "to Consider the land belonging to the town where the Old school-house Stands in the west school diftrict," and also on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer. On May 1, 1815, he was appointed on a committee to attend to "moving one of the school-houses in the Brick School District or to build a new school-house so as to accomodate said district," and the same year was on the committee (chosen March 6) "to make alterations In the several school Districts."

On May 23, 1825, he was one of the committee of ten to consider the division of the town.

"Squire" Smith kept a grocery store and sold snuff, New England and West India rum, and the other supplies which composed the stock of a local store of the period.

Several estates were settled by him, and he was a very prominent citizen. I have heard him called "Uncle Aaron" by aged people. His estate inventoried about \$11,000, a good sum for those days, and William Flagg was the administrator.

"Feb^y 15th 1785 Aaron Smith y^e 3^d was married to Lydia Pratt both of Needham." (Ch. Rec.)

I do not find a record in Needham of the births of his children, and Horace Mann of Natick stated (letter of February 2, 1883, to C. C. Greenwood) that the births of Mr. Smith's daus. Eunice, Martha, Priscilla and Susanna were recorded in Natick.

Priscilla m. Samuel McIntosh of Needham, and Sukey Gurney m. Royal McIntosh, a brother of Samuel, and from 1837 to 1840 Mr. and Mrs. Royal McIntosh lived in the house now the home of the writer. Lydia Pratt, dau. of Squire Smith, m. Capt. Reuben Ware. Squire Smith's funeral was on Sunday the 28th. For some account of him see Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. VII and Vol. IX.

Although the house in which he lived for many years was in Natick prior to 1797, it is hardly likely that he was the Aaron who was prominent in Natick as early as 1778, and was at one time selectman there. Squire Aaron was a very young man in 1778 and lived on the Needham side of the brook in 1785. If he, and not "Hawk" Aaron, was selectman 1790-97, he lived in Needham those years.

104

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | SUSANNAH SMITH, | widow of | *Aaron Smith*
Esq. | who died | Feb. 23, 1842, | aged 77.

*Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.*

She was the second wife of Aaron Smith, Esq., and was b. in Newton, Apr. 2, 1765, dau. of Peter and Ruth (Fuller)

Durell. The intention of marriage of Aaron Smith with Susanna Durell of Newton is recorded in Needham, Nov. 25, 1804.

105

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MR. WILLIAM SMITH | DIED | Aug. 24, 1826 ; |
Æt. 21

*Son of righteousness! arise!
Send thy light around the sky.*

106 In memory of | MR. ALBERT SMITH | who died | Feb. 12,
1842, | aged 31.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of his saints. Pls 116.*

He was a hogreave in 1833, constable (West) 1836, on the committee of the West Precinct 1838-41, which was called the Parish Committee from 1834, and was reduced from five to three in number in 1842. It had usually been five 1786-1841, but originally consisted of three. He m. Apr. 31 (*sic*), 1834 (int. Mar. 7), Emily Kingsbury. (T. Rec.) See 327 and 328 on monument in Woodlawn Cemetery.

107 Miss. | EUNICE SMITH, | DIED | May 3, 1861, | Æt. 75.

"For so He giveth his beloved sleep."

She was b. in Needham, dau. of 103 and his first wife. Age at decease 75 yrs. 1 mo. 3 dys. (T. Rec.) See 329. Her birth is said to be recorded in Natick. Between the grave-stones of 105 and 107 is a small white stone inscribed A. S., which may have been the footstone of 106.

108

(Scroll.)

Mr^{rs} Elifabeth Smith, | *Wife of Mr. Jonathan | Smith Jun^r* died |
March y^e 1st 1781 ; in | y^e 27th Year of | her age

Death is a debt to nature

(*due*

As I have paid it so must

(*You*

Jonathan Smith, Jr., m. Sept. 2, 1773, Elizabeth Drury.

- 109 Elizabeth F. Smith | died Sep^r 1, 1812 | aged 10 months &
15 d | *daug^r of* | *Cap^t. George &* | *Mrs Anna Smith.*

*She glanc'd into our world to see,
A sample of our misery
Then turn'd her little head aside,
And gave a sigh or two and died.*

Elizabeth Fuller Smith was bapt. July 5, 1812. "The only surviving child of three at one birth." (West Ch. Rec.)

- 110 (Globe.)

To — the | Memory of | M^r JOSIAH WARE, | who died July 3^d
1798 ; | *Ætatis* 91.

*Imitate his Virtues and follow him to
GLORY.*

He was b. in Wrentham, Mar. 21, 1707, son of Nathaniel and Mary ("Wheelak") Ware. (Ware Gen.)

He was a fence viewer in 1748, "Dearreave" 1749, '52-59, '61, '63-80, '83-85, '87, '88, and in 1777, '78 and '80 was the only one in town; tythingman 1762, '67, selectman 1773. Either he or a man of the same name was a minute man April 19, 1775.

On December 15, 1777, Thomas Fuller, John Bird and Josiah Ware were chosen a committee "to Provide for the Families of those Men that have Inlisted into the Continental army for three Years or During the wars."

Both Fuller and Bird were soldiers in the war of the Revolution.

- 111 (Willow and urn.)

IN | Memory of | MRS SIBBEL, | 4th wife of | *Mr Josiah Ware*, |
who died | *June 8, 1816*, | *Æt.* 86.

She was b. May 27, 1730, dau. of David and Mary Robinson. Josiah Ware and Sibel Robinson were m. Apr. 19, 1764.

112

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | to the memory of | DANIEL WARE Esq. | who died |
 Oct. 20, 1819, | Æt. 65.

*Behold and see as you pass bye,
 As you are now so once was I,
 As I am now so you must be;
 Prepare for death and follow me.*

He was b. May 19, 1755, bapt. July 13, son of 110 and his wife Dorothy Dewing, who were m. Apr. 12, 1750. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

Daniel was in Capt. Aaron Smith's company of militia April 19, 1775, and was a soldier at York in December, 1776. There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

He was a hogreave in 1785, surveyor of highways 1788, '94, '96, school committee ("West Meeting house" district) 1794, '98, 1800, '01, '06, '07, '15, '16, field driver 1795, '98, 1802, '04, fence viewer and constable 1797, assessor 1798, '99, 1803, tythingman 1799, 1803, '05, town clerk 1801, selectman 1805-16 (twelve years), representative 1805-07, '10-13, town treasurer November 3, 1806-March, 1818, town agent 1815-17, moderator of many town meetings during the first twenty ~~five~~ years of this century, justice of the peace 1809-19.

The office of town agent has existed in Needham, as occasion required, from early times, and there have been either two or three chosen each year since 1846. For twenty years the selectmen have been also the town agents.

Mr. Ware was treasurer of the West Precinct March 29, 1797-March 24, 1800, and clerk March 22, 1802, until his decease. He was also on its standing committee 1788, '92, 1803, '04, collector 1789.

Mr. Ware was called "Enfn" in the records as early as 1794 and "Adj^t" in 1798. In 1794, '95 he was on the committee to provide teachers for the West Meeting house district; March 14, 1796, he was * on the committee "to open

* It seems unnecessary to repeat the word "chosen" in every instance when a committee is mentioned. The date given is invariably that of the town meeting at which the committee was selected.

the Bridle way across Chestnut Hill," and on that "to District the town a new into School Districts."

On May 9, 1796, he was chosen on the committees, in which all the school districts were represented, "for building & repairing School Houses," and "to ascertain what each Proprietors right is in the School Houses." In 1803 and 1819, and perhaps other years, he was on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer. On May 11, 1807, he was on the committee "to Repair the Bridges over Charles River," and April 6, 1812, was one of three chosen to thank the Rev. Stephen Palmer for his century sermon.

On July 2, 1813, he was on a committee "to join with the District of Dover in building a new Bridge over Charles River, near the Slitting mill in the south part of the Town," and March 6, 1815, on a committee "to dispose of the old School house in the west part of the town."

On November 4, 1816, he was chosen on a committee, one from each school district, "to manage Communication Genl. Hospital," and October 27, 1816, he was on the committee to consider the division of the town. (See p. 33.) Mr. Ware's house on the north corner of Russell Place was taken down in 1886.

113

(Willow and urn.)

Mrs. | ABIGAIL WARE, | wife of | Daniel Ware Esq. | died |
April 20, 1849, | Æt. 84.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

She was b. in Dover, bapt. Feb. 3, 1765, dau. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Bullard) Newell, m. Daniel Ware Sept. 16, 1784. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

114 FATHER. | DANIEL WARE, | Died | Dec. 30, 1862, |
Æt. 77 yr's.

He was b. Sept. 22, 1785, presented by his mother for baptism together with his sister Dorothy, May 7, 1797, son of 112 and 113.

He was a constable 1811, '12, '18, '19, coroner 1818-32, hogreave 1819, prudential school committee 1819, treasurer of the West Church January 19, 1848-January 26, 1853, on the precinct committee 1847-51, and moderator of its meetings 1848, '50.

115 MOTHER. | LYDIA J. WARE, | Died | Dec. 22, 1864, |
Æt. 80 yr's.

Daniel Ware, Jr., m. Feb. 28, 1819 (int. Jan. 1), Mrs. Lydia (Jennings) Russell, widow of Joseph Russell.

116-118 (Willow.) (Willow.) (Willow.)

Here lies three children of Mr Daniel & Mrs Lydia Ware

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| DANIEL N. | CAROLINE, | LEVINA |
| died | died | died |
| Dec. 20, 1823. | Dec. 23, 1823. | Dec. 21, 1823 |
| Æt. 11 mo. | Æt. 3 yr | Æt. 10 y ^r |

*Dear parents weep not for us
We now are numbered with the just.*

Daniel Newell Ware was b. Jan. 30, 1823, and Caroline was b. Apr. 14, 1820, children of 114 and 115. Daniel N. was bapt. July 20, 1823, and Caroline July 23, 1820. (West Ch. Rec.)

119 *In Memory of* | LYDIA MARIA | WARE *daug^{tr} of* | Cp^t Reuben
& | Mrs. Lydia P. Ware | *died Sept. 29, 1826* | Æ 2 y^r.

Lydia Maria was b. Feb. 6, 1824 (T. Rec.), bapt. May 16, 1824. (West Ch. Rec.)

Capt. Reuben Ware, brother of 114 and 121, was b. June 12, 1790, presented by his mother for baptism May 7, 1797, d. Jan. 22, 1875, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was a highway surveyor 1823, '24, '30, selectman 1824-26, '43, prudential school committee, South district, 1828, '30, '36, assessor 1830, '42, assistant assessor 1831, field driver 1831, '32, fence viewer 1831, '32. In 1831-33, '37-40, '46

he was on the committee of the West Precinct, and moderator of some of its meetings in 1838, '40, '41, '42, '46.

Lydia Pratt Smith, his wife, was dau. of 103, and was b. Mar. 27, 1796, d. May 3, 1887, m. Reuben Ware Nov. 30, 1820 (int. Oct. 17). Lydia Pratt Smith was bapt. May 9, 1802, by Rev. Mr. Caryl of Dover. (West Ch. Rec.)

120

(Willow and urn.)

Miss | HANNAH P. WARE | died | Feb. 12, 1847, | Æt. 20.

She was dau. of Luther and Abigail (Usher) Ware. Hannah d. in Boston, aged 19. (T. Rec.)

121 DEXTER WARE | DIED | OCT. 20, 1851, | AGED 54.

"I am the resurrec
tion and the life he
that believeth in me
though he were dead,
yet shall he live."

He was b. Oct. 27, 1797, son of 112 and 113; presented for baptism by his mother Jan. 14, 1798. (Ch. Rec.) He was killed by the cars at Grantville.

He was a surveyor or measurer of wood 1825-34, '36-40, on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1827, '38, inspecting school committee 1828, '29, '37, superintending school committee 1840-43, assessor 1829, '35, '42 (elected in 1843 and declined), assistant assessor 1830, '31, surveyor of highways 1833, selectman 1834, '35, tythingman 1834, '37-40, field driver and fence viewer 1839. From May 27, 1833-July 13, 1846, he was clerk of the West Precinct, and superintendent of the West Church Sunday school April, 1843-April, 1845. In 1842, '43 he was on the West Parish (precinct) committee.

He m. May 25, 1826 (int. Apr. 23), Mary Colburn Smith, dau. of 100 and 98. On August 3, 1834, four children of Dexter Ware were bapt. (West Ch. Rec., Rev. Joseph Washburn Sessions, minister.)

122

(Willow and urn.)

IN | memory of | MRS. ELIZABETH | *wife of* | Mr. Luther Ware, |
 who died | Nov. 7, 1822. | Æt. 42.

Luther Ware of Roxbury and Elizabeth Edes were m. Apr. 14, 1800, by the Rev. Thomas Noyes.

Luther was a hogreave in 1801. It will be noticed that a man generally received that office at the annual town meeting following his marriage.

In 1809 he was one of the Brick district school committee.

In 1819 he attended St. Mary's Church (Episcopal) at Newton Lower Falls.

Some account of members of the Ware family who have been prominent in Needham may be of value.

Ephraim and *Ebenezer* signed the petition for the incorporation of the town in 1710. *Ebenezer* was constable 1713, surveyor of highways 1716, '17, and in 1712 on the committee "to treat with the town of Dedham." *Ephraim* was tythingman 1713, fence viewer 1715, surveyor of highways 1717.

Ephraim, Jr., was a "Haward" in 1719, and (probably another man,) selectman and assessor 1752. *Samuel, Jr.*, *Joseph*, *Benjamin* and *Jonathan* were in the East Company April 19, 1775.

Asa was a Revolutionary soldier credited to Needham. (Year-book S. A. R., 1897, p. 456.)

Samuel was chosen collector for the First Parish March 22, 1779, and he and his colleague, Eleazer Fuller, were its first collectors.

Nathaniel was selectman 1786, assessor 1809-11, collector for the First Parish 1791 and 1807 (the latter year his compensation was .03½%), member of its standing committee 1808-10, and one of the three agents of the town in 1813.

Lieut. *Ephraim* was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1799, 1800. (Need. Ephs., p. 28.) He was

prominent in the parish and bequeathed property to it. From 1806-13 he was one of the West Precinct committee.

Nathaniel, Jr., was collector for the north side of the First Parish 1800.

123-129

CHILDREN OF | ELLIS & HARRIET STEDMAN.

CHARLES H. STEDMAN, | Died Aug. 21, 1816, aged 3 yrs.

HARRIET STEDMAN, | Died Apr. 20, 1817, aged 1 year.

ELOISA C. STEDMAN, | Died July 28, 1831, aged 3 yrs.

CHARLES H. STEDMAN, | Died Oct. 1834, aged 17 yrs.

WALTER STEDMAN, | Died Sep. 14, 1835, aged 24 yrs.

REBECCA E. STEDMAN, | Died Aug. 31, 1836, aged 14 yrs.

FRANCIS C. STEDMAN, | Died July 1841, aged 21 yrs.

The town recs. state that Charles Hall Stedman d. Aug. 22, 1816, aged 3 yrs.

Ellis Stedman m. Harriet Bolls Oct. 7, 1810 (int. Aug. 12). He was b. Oct. 15, 1784, son of 130 and 131.

He was a hogreave in 1811.

In 1812 he attended St. Mary's Church at Newton Lower Falls. (T. Rec., Vol. IV, p. 185.)

130-135

JOSEPH STEDMAN, | Died Jan. 1828, aged 82 yrs.

MARY STEDMAN, | Died June 17, 1838, aged 83 yrs.

CHILDREN OF | JOSEPH & MARY STEDMAN.

HARRIET STEDMAN, | Died Apr. 23, 1812, aged 20 yrs.

FRANCIS STEDMAN, | Died June 1, 1818, aged 20 yrs.

MARY STEDMAN, | Died July 1830, aged 44 yrs.

REBECCA STEDMAN, | Died Apr. 1, 1861, aged 64 yrs.

Joseph Stedman of Weston and Mary Curtis of Natick were published Feb. 6, 1778. (Intentions of marriage, Weston T. Rec.)

Joseph was a fence viewer in 1814 (there were five that year).

Harriet was b. June 28, 1792, Francis was b. Oct. 24, 1798, Mary was b. Dec. 7, 1786, and Rebecca was b. July 5, 1796.

William Marshall Stedman was one of the standing committee of the First Parish 1847-51.

Frank Eugene, grandson of William Marshall, was selectman, overseer of the poor, etc., in 1887.

136 Dea. ASA KINGSBURY | died August 17, 1850, | aged 75 years.

*Rest weary saint thy toil is o'er ;
The work of life is done ;
Thy latest foe can do no more,
The victory thou hast won.*

*A crown immortal clothes thy brow,
A palm is in thy hand ;
Thy songs are all of triumph now,
Sung in that better land.*

He was b. Oct. 22, 1775, son of Col. Jonathan and Sarah (Pratt) Kingsbury.

He was tythingman in 1806, assessor 1822, '23, '27, '28, '32-34, '36-41, '43-50, town clerk 1824-50, representative to the General Court 1837, '38, '42; chosen deacon of the West Church May 17, 1805, and served till November 28, 1849.

Either he or the other Asa was on the Brick district school committee 1812, '20, '22, '23, '25, '26, and August 15, 1815, was among those who favored building a school house for the Brick district near the East Meeting house rather than near "neck Bridge."

He lived on ancestral lands; was a very competent surveyor of land, as was his father, and in 1831 made the map of the town, which was engraved and published in 1836. This map shows the location of every house in town, and gives the name of the occupant.

With William Ellis, Esq., he surveyed in 1830 the land owned by the First Parish.

Kingsbury Street in Wellesley is named for relatives of his.

137 IN | *memory of* | MR. CALVIN KINGSBURY | who died
Sept. 24, | 1837. | Aged 36 yr^s & 3 mon^s

"Prepare to meet thy God."

He was b. June 25, 1801 (T. Rec.), son of 136 and 138,
bapt. May 2, 1802. (West Ch. Rec.)

138 IN | *memory of* | MRS. ESTHER | wife of | DEAN ASA
KINGSBURY | who died Jan. 24, | 1817. | Aged 36 yr^s &
5 mon^s

"Therefore be ye also ready."

Esther Daniells was b. Nov., 1780, dau. of 39 and 40, m.
Asa Kingsbury June 25, 1800. Her family name was often
written "Daniells" in the early records, but "Daniell" is
the modern spelling.

139 IN | *memory of* | MISS MARY C. | KINGSBURY | who
died Aug. 30, | 1843, | Aged 36 yr^s & 6 mon^s

*"I am the resurrection and the
life."*

Mary Cummings was b. Feb. 15, 1807 (T. Rec.), dau. of
136 and 138, bapt. Apr. 5, 1807. (West Ch. Rec.)

140

(Scroll.)

IN Memory of | Mr Eben^r Hunting | *who died* | June y^e 22^d 1777. |
in y^e 22 Year | of his | Age.

He was b. June 1, 1756, son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Wood-
ward) Hunting, who were m. May 21, 1747. (T. and Ch.
Recs.)

He was in the West Company April 19, 1775, at the siege of Boston eight months, at Ticonderoga in July, 1776, and at York in December, 1776. In February, 1777, the town paid him £7 for enlisting for service in Canada. There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

141

(Urn.)

In memory of | MISS SALLY MC ENTIRE, | who died Sept 9th |
1803, | Aged 17.

*Here rest the dead from pain and sorrow free;
She's gone to heav'n, I trust, O God to Thee;
Her bright examples may we make our own,
So far in Christ as she herself was known.*

She was b. Apr. 22, 1786, dau. of John and Susanna McIntire.

John Mackintire was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710.

Samuel Mackintyre was selectman and assessor 1755-57, '60, and in the West Company April 19, 1775.

142

(Willow and urn.)

CAPT. | EBENEZER FULLER | died | Jan. 9, 1853, | Æt. 73.

He was b. Feb. 11, 1779, son of 269 and 270.

He was a hogreave in 1805, '22, fence viewer 1815, '20, surveyor of highways 1815, '25-27, '32, '33, district school committee 1820, selectman 1827.

143

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS MEHITABLE FULLER, | *Wife*
of | *Capt. Eben^r. Fuller* ; | who died Feb. 10, 1820 : | Æt. 36.

*With patience Lord I bore thy hand,
Till death hath sett me free;
Resign'd my breath at thy command,
Hoping to dwell with thee.*

Mehitable Fisk was b. July 5, 1784, dau. of 262 and 263, m. Ebenezer Fuller July 8, 1804.

144

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MRS. ROXANNA, | *wife of* | Capt. Ebenezer Fuller, |
who died | Sept. 23, 1846; | *aged 47 years.*

*I rest in peace ne'r to return,
 I've left a world of care and pain;
 Husband and Children cease to mourn,
 Your loss is my eternal gain.*

She was b. Mar. 14, 1799, dau. of Benoni and Lucy (Lewis) Muzzey, and sister of Seth Muzzey. (See 193.)

She m. Capt. Ebenezer Fuller Nov. 27, 1821 (int. Nov. 5).

145

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | MR. WILLIAM FULLER | *Died* June 30, 1831; |
 Æt. 25.

*In bloom of youth behold I die,
 Dear friends prepare, for d'ath is nigh;
 Friends nor physicians could not save,
 My mortal body from the grave,
 Nor can the grave confine me here,
 When Christ shall call me to appear.*

He was b. Dec. 20, 1806, son of 142 and 143.

146

(Willow.)

In Memory of | FRANCIS FULLER | *Son of* Mr. Ebenr. & | Mrs.
 Roxana Fuller; | *who died* May 5, 1827; | Æt. 13 months.

*A pleasant plant, a blooming flower,
 Cut down and wither'd in an hour.*

Francis was b. Mar. 25, 1826.

147

(Willow.)

Mehitabel Fuller born | & died June 6, 1805, | *daugr. of* | Liut.
 Ebenezer & | Mrs. Mehitabel Fuller.

*Mourn not because my feeble breath
 Was stopp'd as soon as given
 There's nothing terrible in death
 To those who come to Heaven.*

148

(Willow.)

Sarah F. Fuller, | died Sep^r 20, 1810 | aged 14 months, | *daugh^r of* |
Lieut. Ebenezer & | Mrs. Mehitabel Fuller.

*So fades the lovely blooming flower
 Frail smiling solace of an hour
 So soon our transient comforts fly
 And pleasure only blooms to die.*

149

(Willow.)

EDWARD | *Son of Ebenezer, | & Roxanna Fuller ; | Died March 16,*
1837 : | Æt. 10 weeks.

*Weep not my Parents tho your babe is gone
 For Jesus kindly took me to his arms.*

Edward was b. Jan. 3, 1837.

150

(Rose.)

LUTHER H. | Son of | Luther & Mary F. Fuller | died | Sept.
 23, 1819, | *Aged 4 mos. 17 D'ys.*

I cannot be sure that the year of death is not 1849.

151

(Willow and urn.)

ABIGAIL, | wife of | Hezekiah Fuller, | DIED | Dec. 2, 1856, |
 Æt. 72.

*Oh! where shall rest be found,
 Rest for the weary soul?
 Not on earth, but in heaven.*

She was b. in Northbridge, dau. of Josiah, Jr., and Abigail Fuller. The intention of marriage of Dea. Hezekiah Fuller of Needham and Abigail Fuller of Dedham is recorded Apr. 5, 1834. (T. Rec.) (Apr. 6, Ded. T. Rec.)

152

(Willow and urn.)

DEA. | HEZEKIAH FULLER, | DIED | Mar. 22, 1860, | Æt. 80.

*I shall be satisfied when I awake with
 thy likeness.*

He was b. Jan. 2, 1780, son of Solomon and Mary (Colburn) Fuller, who were m. June 10, 1773.

Hezekiah was a hogreave in 1806, '33, '34, one of the six tythingmen in 1816, and held that office 1823, '25-29, prudential school committee 1829.

He was a hatter, and removed from the East to the West Parish in 1805; chosen deacon of the West Church September 25, 1812, and served till November 28, 1849. He was sexton of the West Precinct for a long time and moderator of its meetings 1845, '47. There is about half a page of the record of baptisms of the West Church that is nearly obliterated by fading of the ink or other cause. One baptism on January 11, 1818, and now almost illegible, is that of Hezekiah, child of Deacon Hezekiah Fuller.

153

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | DANIEL C. FULLER | Son of | *Hezekiah* & Charlotte
Fuller, | who died June 12, 1808; | Æt. 19 mo. & 26 days.

(gone
Weep not my Parents tho' your babe is
For Jesus kindly took me to his arms,
Dress'd me in lucid white an angels form
Celestial beauty & immortal charms.

Daniel Coolidge Fuller was b. Oct. 17, 1806, son of 152 and his first wife Charlotte b. Apr. 21, 1781, dau. of Daniel and Beulah (Smith) Coolidge of Sherborn. (Bond, and Temple's Framingham.)

The intention of marriage of Hezekiah Fuller of Needham and Charlotte Coolidge of Sherborn was recorded Nov. 30, 1805. (T. Rec.) For her epitaph see 153a.

Daniel Coolidge Fuller was bapt. Nov. 23, 1806, by Rev. Mr. Sears of Natick. (West Ch. Rec.)

153a

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MRS. CHARLOTTE FULLER, | *Wife of*
Dea. Hezekiah Fuller; | who died Feb. 25, 1832: | Æt. 50.

*Happy Spirit! thou art fled,
Where no sin can grieve thee more,
Friendship oft a tear may shed,
Ere we meet on yon blest shore.*

Although the Ded. Hist. Reg., Vols. IV and V, contains a very good genealogical account of some of the descendants

of Ensign Thomas Fuller of Dedham, by Francis H. Fuller, I give the following, which will be found to include matter not in the genealogy, and also reference to some descendants of John Fuller of Newton.

Thomas and *Robert* were petitioners for the incorporation of the town in 1710.

Capt. Robert, son of John, was a fence viewer in 1717, selectman and assessor 1726, '28-32, '34, '35, '37, '39, '42 (selectman only in 1742), '43, '46-49, town clerk 1728-35, '37, '41-43, '46-59.

On March 10, 1711/12, the town voted to ask Mr. Oaks to continue to preach "if we can attain the House of Robert Fuller to meete in upon y^e Lords Dayes for a year." The Rev. Mr. Deming, who followed Mr. Oaks and preached in Needham 1712-14, resided for about a year with Capt. Fuller in his house which is now owned by the heirs of Susan L. Atkins. Mr. Deming was the first minister to receive a formal call to Needham, but declined. Five were called unsuccessfully from March 16, 1712/13-July 29, 1719.

Ensign Robert was assessor 1741, and Capt. Robert in 1758, town treasurer 1746-49. (See Need. Ephs., p. 10.)

I have not attempted to name the minor town offices held by the Fullers 1720-40.

Forest Street might much more appropriately have been called Fuller Street, particularly as the present name has no special significance.

Lieut. *Robert*, son of Capt. Robert, was selectman 1753-62, '67, '68, '70, '72, '74, '76-78, '80, '84, assessor 1753-57, '59-62, '64-70, '86, town clerk October, 1760-88.

Mr. Robert Fuller, or his son, was collector for the First Parish in 1784. (Need Ephs., p. 15.)

Robert, Jr., son of Lieut. Robert, was assessor 1774-85, '87-89, '92, '96, '98, selectman 1782, '83, '87, '88, '92, representative to the General Court 1787, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1790, '91, '93.

He was in the East Company April 19, 1775, served later in the war, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker in his memory at the Fuller monument. (Need. Ephs., p. 19.)

On August 2, 1779, "to go to the Convention at Concord, On the first Wednesday of October Next.

"Colo^{ll} William McIntosh

"Robert Fuller Jun^e"

On June 6, 1780, he was chosen one of the committee that reported as to the "Form of Government." A large committee had been appointed in May "to Consider the Constitution of Government," and June 6, 1780, he was placed on the committee to hire men "into y^e Publick Service of y^e war."

Moses, son of Lieut. Robert, was town clerk May 12, 1788-96, town treasurer 1790-92, assessor 1794, '95. "Enf^a" Moses was collector for the First Parish in 1790. He was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker at the Fuller monument in recognition of his service. (Need. Ephs., p. 19.)

Ensign Thomas was town treasurer 1723, '24, selectman and assessor 1727, '29, '39, town clerk 1736, '38.

Thomas was fence viewer 1712, constable 1714, "Sar" Thomas was surveyor of highways 1715, '19, perhaps identical with Ensign Thomas.

Lieut. Amos, son of Thomas, was selectman 1737, '42, '43, '52, '54-58, '60, '61, '64, '65, '69, assessor 1737, '41, '43, '52, '54-57, '60, '61, representative to the General Court, 1756, '59-61, '66. (Need. Ephs., p. 11.)

Amos, son of Lieut. Amos, was town treasurer 1769-90, selectman 1771, '72, '76, '89, '90, assessor 1771, '72, '80 (elected June 16), '81, '85, '86, '88-90, '93, collector for the First Parish 1787, and on its standing committee 1792, '94-97. On April 19, 1775, he was in the East Company and served on committees of the town during the war. His name is inscribed on the front of the Fuller tomb, where there is a bronze S. A. R. marker in his memory. (Need. Ephs., p. 54.)

On March 9, 1778, he was chosen one of the committee of five to see what the town "Shall allow to a man that Shall be Drafted or Goes Vollentery into the Publick Service of the war."

Amos, Jr., was in the army near Boston. See Sermon preached by the Rev. Stephen Palmer, A. M., on the Lord's Day after the interment of Amos Fuller and his wife, 1810. Published at Dedham July, 1810.

Sergeant *Eleazer*, son of Lieut. Amos, was collector for the First Parish 1779, treasurer 1781, '89-96, 1804, '05, on its standing committee 1789, selectman 1782, '83, '99-1802, assessor 1782. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, p. 144.)

On April 19, 1775, he was sergeant of the East Company, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker in his memory in front of the Fuller tomb. (Need. Ephs., p. 54.) For military service see Year-book S. A. R., 1897, p. 268.

In 1780 he was one of the committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, and March 17, 1780, he was chosen on the committee to "Supply the Continental Soldiers' Families."

On May 29, 1780, he was named one of the committee to reckon with the committee "Chosen to Hire Men into the Publick Service of the war."

Lieut. *Ebenezer*, son of Lieut. Amos, was selectman 1774, '75, one of the committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1777.

Solomon, son of Lieut. Amos, was in the East Company April 19, 1775, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. (Need. Ephs., p. 21.) He was collector for the First Parish 1782. Fuller's brook takes its name from him. The Sutton farm, through which the brook runs, was his home.

Amos, Jr., son of Amos, and grandson of Lieut. Amos, was collector for the First Parish 1785, '86, on its standing committee 1800, '05, selectman 1805. (Need. Ephs., p. 54.)

Dr. *Timothy*, brother of preceding, was town clerk May 9, 1796-98, selectman 1797 (elected May 1). (Need. Ephs., p. 54.)

Enoch, son of Sergeant Eleazer, and grandson of Lieut. Amos, was a constable, and October 21, 1802, was chosen sole collector for the First Parish, the first to give bonds and to receive compensation, which was "Seven cents pr Pound." In 1804 it was voted "to collect in the Dollar in Stead of £." He was on the standing committee of the parish 1810, '11, '16, town assessor 1809-11, '18, coroner 1809-29.

Jesse, probably brother of Enoch preceding, was a collector for the First Parish 1810, at .04%.

Thomas was in Capt. Robert Smith's company April 19, 1775, as a sergeant. On December 15, 1777, he was on the committee "to Provide for the Families of those Men that have Inlifted into the Continental army for three Years or During the wars." There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. (Need. Ephs., p. 16.)

He was selectman 1779, '80, collector for the First Parish 1783.

John was in the West Company April 19, 1775, another *John* was a minute man, and *Elijah* was in the East Company on that day.

John was assessor 1750.

Spencer was assistant assessor 1835, assessor 1836, selectman 1837, '38.

Alvin, 2d, was a deacon of the First Church June 3, 1859-June 1, 1872, treasurer of the First Parish 1863-69. He was at one time postmaster at Grantville. (Need. Ephs., p. 60.)

Hezekiah was selectman 1872.

Jonas descended from John, an early settler of Newton, came to Needham from Newton, and d. here June 20, 1799, aged 74. His great grandson, son of Ezra, and grandson of Ezra, *Timothy Otis*, an accomplished botanist and a gentleman of literary tastes, has served the town as an auditor, and another great grandson of Jonas, *Francis Llewellyn*, son of Samuel Francis, was selectman, overseer of the poor, town agent, member of the board of health, etc., 1894-96, three years.

154 CHARLES AYERS, | died | March 6, 1854, | Æt. 43.

He was 43 yrs., 2 mos., 5 dys., and was b. in Roxbury, son of Jonathan and Mary Ayers. (T. Rec.)

155 CHARLES H. AYERS, | DIED | JUNE 5, 1858. | AGED 20 YRS,
10 MO'S.

Charles Henry was b. Aug. 20, 1837, son of 154 and Lydia.

156 MARY ANN AYERS. | DIED | AUG. 2, 1865. | AGED 21 Y'RS.
11 MO'S.

She was b. Aug. 13, 1843, dau. of 154.

157 ELIZA JOY | DIED | Aug. 6, 1850. | Aged 41 Y'rs.

158 (Willow and urn.)

In memory of | OLIVER EDES, | who died | July 9, 1850, | Æ.
66 years.

He was b. Aug. 13, 1784, son of Jeremiah and Hannah Edes. He m. Dec. 24, 1807 (int. Nov. 30), Lucy Lewis, who is buried in Needham (Need. Ephs., p. 53), and the births of four of their children are recorded in Needham. (T. and Ch. Recs.) He was a hogreave 1808.

159 ABIEL EDES | DIED | Mar. 1, 1860, | Æ. 80 Ys. 2 Ms.

He was b. Jan. 11, 1780, brother of 158. Abiel was a field driver 1827, '28.

160 MARTHA | wife of | *Abiel Edes* | Died Feb. 28, 1868, | Æt.
88 yrs.

She was 88 yrs., 19 dys., and was b. in Sudbury, dau. of Peter and Hannah (Whitcomb) Parmenter.

Peter Edes was assessor in 1742.

Jeremiah, Amos and *Collins* were in the West Company April 19, 1775, *Samuel* was in the East Company, and *John*

was a minute man from Needham. *Benjamin* served later in the war.

Amos was one of the West Precinct committee 1798-1800.

161 ERECTED | to the memory of | MARGARET FORSYTH, | wife
of | *Hugh Forsyth* | who died | Sept. 15, 1847 : | aged 57 years.

*Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower ;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour.*

The intention of marriage of Hugh Forsyth and Margeret McCracken was recorded Apr. 19, 1829. (T. Rec.)

162 ROBERT FORSYTH | DIED | March 5, 1863, | Æt. 35
y'rs 7 mo. | & 21 d's.

163 HUGH FORSYTH | DIED | Dec. 8, 1871, | Aged 77.

164 (Willow.)

IN MEMORY OF | ELIZABETH, | *Daughter of Hugh | & Mar-*
gret Forsyth ; | died Nov. 11, 1836, | Æt. 2 years & 9 months.

*A flower so fair for the garden of earth
She has gone to the eden of heaven to bloom
Her associates now are of angelic birth
But alas she has left us en shrouded in gloom.*

165 (Rose.)

Our Mother | REBECCA L. | wife of | Joseph Russell. | DIED |
Mar. 31, 1858, | Æt. 55 yrs. 7 mos.

*There when the storms of life are past,
The light beyond shall break at last.*

She was 55 yrs., 7 mos., 3 dys., and was b. in Dedham, dau. of Andrew and Mary (Pond) Lewis (T. Rec.), who were m. Sept. 22, 1796. (Ded. T. Rec.)

Their dau. Becca was b. in Dedham, Aug. 28, 1800. (Ded. T. Rec.)

The intention of marriage of Joseph Russell of Boston and Rebecca Lewis was recorded in Dedham Mar. 16, 1828.

166

(Flower.)

WILLIAM L. | *Son of* | Joseph & Rebecca | Russell, died | Feb.
19, 1833, | Æt. 8 mos. 10 ds.

*And Jesus took little children
In his arms and blessed them.*

William Lewis was b. June 9, 1832.

167 MARTHA | *wife of* | Alfred Russell, | DIED | June 3, 1847, |
Aged 31 y'rs.

"Gone but not lost"

This stone is a few feet north of the Granados lot.

168 Aqui Reposo. | AUGUSTO GRANADOS, | Fallecio en
Grantville, el | 24 de Junio de 1870, | a la temprana edad |
de 23 anos, | querido de cuantos le conocieron : |

Recuerdo de sus desolados Padres !

R. I. P.

He was aged 22 yrs., 11 mos., and was b. in France, son
of Frederic and Marie. (T. Rec.)

169 Mrs NANCY S. | *wife of* | Capt. Isaiah Howes, | died June
11, 1852, | aged 64 y'rs.

*We have borne the bitter parting,
We have said the long farewell:
She hath gone the loved and cherished,
In the spirit land to dwell.*

She was 64 yrs., 2 mos., 21 dys., and was b. in Brewster,
dau. of Willard and Hannah Sears. (T. Rec.)

According to the Sears Gen. she was b. in Harwich, May
20, 1788, bapt. Oct. 24, 1796, and her mother's maiden name
was also Sears. Nancy m. Capt. Isaiah Howes, Feb. 9, 1812,
and had a large family. She was killed by the cars at Grant-
ville Station.

170 Capt. | ISAIAH HOWES | DIED | Sept. 6, 1873, | aged
85 yrs.

*Why weep then for him, who having won
The bound of man's appointed years,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed.*

He was b. July 10, 1788, d. in consequence of a fall from a wagon at Worcester; he was son of Isaiah and Lydia (Chapman) Howes. (Sears Gen.)

171 (Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MR. SAMUEL GREENWOOD, | *who*
died | Sept 9, 1822 : | Æt. 60.

*Lo! where the silent marble weeps,
A saint in Jesus sweetly sleeps;
A heart within this sacred cell,
Where pure religion once did dwell.*

He was b. Nov. 19, 1763, son of Samuel and Grace (Mills) Greenwood, who were m. Apr. 20, 1753. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

The house of Dea. Samuel Greenwood of Sherborn was built in 1753. In 1774 Samuel was prominent among the "Antipedobaptists" in Needham, where they first appeared about 1770.

Samuel, the son, was a hogreave in 1786, '87, field driver and highway surveyor in 1797, fence viewer 1803, West district school committee 1819, '22. He was a leading Methodist, and in 1812 attended the church in "The Hundreds."

172 (Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS. TAMAR GREENWOOD | *Wife of* |
Mr. Sam^l Greenwood; | who died March 3, 1821 : | in the 43^d
year of | her age.

*Depart my friends dry up your tears
For we shall meet when Christ appears.*

Samuel Greenwood of Needham and Tamar Harrington of Weston were m. Oct. 1, 1812 (Weston T. Rec.): their intention of marriage is recorded Sept. 2. (Need. T. Rec.)

They had three children whose births are recorded in Needham.

173

(Willow and urn.)

IN Memory of | MRS HANNAH GREENWOOD | *Wife of Mr Samuel Greenwood* | who died Decr. 19, 1808. | Æt. 43.

*Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for Death & follow me.*

She was b. Mar. 1, 1753, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Lamson) Peirce, who were m. in Weston, May 7, 1752, by the Rev. Samuel Woodward. (Weston T. Rec.)

The intention of marriage of Samuel Greenwood of Needham and Hannah Peirce of Weston was recorded Jan. 15, 1786. (Weston T. Rec.) They had eleven children whose births are recorded in Needham.

174

(Urn.)

William | *Son of Mr. Sam^l & Mrs Hannah* | Greenwood | Obt.
Aug^t 3 1800. Æ. 3 Mon^t

*A pleasant plant a blooming
flower,
Cut down and withered in an
hour*

William was b. Apr. 26, 1800.

175

(Willow.)

In Memory of | JOHN W. GREENWOOD, | *Son of* | *Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Tamar Greenwood,* | *who died April 10, 1820 :* | Æt. 11 months.

John W. was b. Apr. 28, 1819, son of 171 and 172.

176-178

CHARLES GREENWOOD | DIED SEPT. 15, 1822. | AGED
29 YRS.

CA ROLINE S. GREENWOOD | ALSO CHARLES HENRY |
AGED 4 YRS. & 7 MON^t

A TRIBUTE OF AFFECTION

Charles was b. Sept. 15, 1792, son of 171 and 173.

Caroline Stevens was dau. of 8 and 9, m. Charles Greenwood of Boston, Jan. 30, 1820 (int. Jan. 1). She was after his death a milliner, and d. in Townsend, Aug. 18, 1855.

179 MOSES GREENWOOD, | DIED | April 10, 1834. | Æt.
47 yrs.

He was b. Sept. 26, 1787, son of 171 and 173.

He was a hogreave 1812, '13, '28, surveyor of highways 1820-22, '26, '30, West district school committee 1820, fence viewer 1822, field driver 1822-24, '26-28.

The births of five of his children are recorded in Needham.

180 OLIVE GREENWOOD, | Wife of | Moses Greenwood, |
Died Dec. 4. 1844, | Æt. 54 yrs.

She was b. May 29, 1791, dau. of Enoch and Olive Parker, m. Moses Greenwood Sept. 29, 1811 (int. Aug. 30).

181 WILLIAM F. GREENWOOD, | Died July 8, 1856, | Aged 39
yrs. | 11 mos.

"He is not dead but sleepeth."

He was b. Aug. 13, 1816, son of 179 and 180.

182 LAURA A. | wife of | WILLIAM F GREENWOOD, | Died
Feb. 9, 1871, | Aged 51 yrs.

Gone to dwell with her loved ones in Heaven.

Laura Ann Dadmun was b. Dec. 24, 1819, dau. of 223 and Lydia Temple his wife, m. William F. Greenwood of Weston, May 27, 1841 (int. Apr. 30).

183 WILLIAM D. | son of | William F. & Laura | A. Green-
wood, | DIED | Nov. 5, 1845, | Æt. 1 year 1 mo.

A bud to bloom in heaven.

184 ELLEN V. | daughter of | Wm. F. & L. A. Greenwood |
died Oct. 22, 1862, | Æt. 20 y's & 3 m's.

A branch of the Greenwood family lived in East Needham.
(See Need. Ephs.)

185 Calvin Broad | *Son of Mr Theodore & | Mrs Esther Broad, |*
died Nov: 28th 1782 | Aged 7 Months.

Theodore Broad of Needham and Esther Smith of Natick were m. May 29, 1775.

Theodore was collector for the West Precinct 1778, '80 (there were two in 1778), and on its committee 1785.

He was a minute man, and *Seth* and *Timothy* were in the West and East Companies respectively, April 19, 1775. They also did much service later in the war. (Mass. S. and S. in Rev., Vol. II.) Timothy was son of Thomas (Need. Ephs., p. 23), and was collector for the First Parish 1789.

Hezekiah was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710, surveyor of highways 1716.

Major *Hezekiah* was a leading citizen of Natick, and was a delegate to the convention which ratified the Federal Constitution, town clerk, selectman, etc., and served in the Revolution. In 1797 he became a citizen of Needham in consequence of the change in the boundary. From 1800-08 he was one of the West Precinct committee, and moderator of seven or more of its meetings 1799-1804.

186

(Urn.)

ERECTED | IN Memory of | DEAN SAMUEL PRATT | who died
June 16, 1807, | Æt. 56.

*Forbear my friends to weep
Since Death has lost its sting,
Those christians that in Jesus sleep
Our God will with him bring.*

He was b. Aug. 5, 1751, son of Lemuel and Lydia (Willard) Pratt, who were m. Nov. 23, 1750. (There is also a Ch. Rec. of this marriage but the leaf is torn.)

On March 11, 1765, "Enl^a Lemuel Pratt Was Chosen to See to the Observation of the law Relating to y^e Catching of Fish."

On March 15, 1771, Capⁿ Lemuel Pratt was chosen one of a committee of three to "take a Plann of the Town," and August 31, 1774, he was elected to attend the county con-

vention. (See Capt. Caleb Kingsbury, p. 39.) Capt. Lemuel was moderator of the first meeting to organize the West Precinct, January 19, 1775.

Samuel, see epitaph, was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and rendered service later in the war. At one time £5 was paid to him by the town for such service. (See T. Rec., Vol. III, p. 155.) There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

He was a hogreave in 1775, Lower Falls district school committee 1792, '93, '97-99, 1805, and on the committee to hire teachers 1795.

On May 13, 1793, he was on the committee to make "Some alteration in the School District[s]," and May 9, 1796, he represented the Lower Falls school district on two committees, viz: "for building & repairing School Houses," and "to ascertain what each Proprietors right is in the School Houses."

On March 11, 1799, he was on the committee "to make Alterations in highway Districts." Selectman 1802.

187 HEPZIBETH PRATT, | wife of | Samuel Pratt, | died Dec.
4, 1833, | *Æt.* 80 yrs.

*God my Redeemer, lives,
And often from the skies,
Looks down and watches all my dust,
Till he shall bid it rise.*

She was b. Aug. 28, 1751, dau. of Jeremiah and Hepzibah (Peterson) Gay, m. Samuel Pratt Dec. 3, 1775. She was then of Newton. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

188 (Willow and urn.)

LEMUEL PRATT, | died May 22, 1853, | *Æ.* 77 yrs.

*Death is a debt to nature due,
That, I have paid, and so must you.*

He was b. Sept. 28, 1776, son of 186 and 187, m. Mar. 14, 1805 (int. Dec. 23, 1804), Hannah Smith. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

He was a surveyor of highways 1804, '22, '25, '29, hogreave in 1805, '06, constable 1807, '08, pound keeper 1812, '13, '18,

'30, '32, Brick district school committee 1818, '19, '21, '24. In 1824 this district is for the first time in the records called the "Center" district. Mr. Pratt was a fence viewer 1824, '28, field driver 1827, '30. In 1820 he attended the Baptist Church in Newton. *Cyrus*, brother of 188, d. Mar. 26, 1871, aged 81 yrs. He was b. in Needham, Feb. 26, 1790.

On May 11, 1713, Josiah Newell and Joseph Haws were "Chosen by the town to make a pound," and December 29, 1713, Newell was granted "2 pounds ten ^{shill} 2 penc for defraying the Charg of Sitting up a pound for this Town."

On May 12, 1714, Haws was chosen the first pound keeper in Needham, which office he held in 1717, '18.

On September 2, 1721, it was voted to build a pound and stocks, and May 11, 1722, to rebuild the pound on land given by Joseph Haws. The pound for many years was on the northerly side of Great Plain Avenue, as it is now called, at the entrance to the driveway leading to the residence of Michael W. Quinlan. The town now owns no pound, and the stray animals are cared for on the premises of the pound keeper.

Joseph Haws was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710, surveyor of highways 1713, tythingman 1716, constable 1718, selectman and assessor 1719. He d. Mar. 8, 1756, aged 92.

Joseph and *Joseph, Jr.*, [Hawes] were in the West Company April 19, 1775.

189

(Willow and urn.)

LYDIA, | wife of James Spear, | *and daughter of* | Samuel & |
Hephzibah Pratt, | Born in Needham, | July 27, 1784, | Died
 in Boston, | April 4, 1856.

*Dearest Mother thou has left us,
 Here thy loss we deeply feel,
 But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
 He can all our sorrows heal.*

Lydia m. James Spear of Boston, Apr. 10, 1815 (int. Mar.

190

(Clover leaf.)

IN Memory of | SAMUEL PRATT J^r | who died | Nov^r 12, 1801, |
Aged 24.

*Imitate his Virtues, & follow him to
Glory.*

He was b. in Weston, Jan. 31, 1778, son of 186 and 187.
The births of several children of 186 and 187 are recorded in
Needham.

191

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | CYRUS PRATT. | *Who Died* | April 20, 1821. |
Aged 61 Yrs.

He was b. Oct. 31, 1760 (Oct. 30, Ch. Rec.), brother of 186,
m. Deborah Smith Feb. 21, 1791.

He was a hogreave 1814, field driver 1818, '19, '22, sealer
of bread 1825, sealer of leather 1828. The office of sealer of
leather was abolished March 4, 1867.

In 1814 he and *Ephraim* attended St. Mary's Church
(Episcopal), at Newton Lower Falls. (T. Rec., Vol. IV, p.
219.) *Ephraim* was a hogreave in 1819.

192

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | DEBORAH PRATT. | *Who Died* | March 24,
1840. | Aged 72 Y'rs.

She was wife of 191.

Jonathan, Daniel and *Henry* Pratt were taxed in Need-
ham in 1716. Daniel was a surveyor of highways in 1718.

Henry was selectman and assessor 1725, '26, '28-31, '34,
'35.

Lemuel was a selectman 1759-63, '73, assessor 1759-63.
Probably identical with Capt. Lemuel. (See 186.)

Issachar, "Zebadiah" and *Seth* were in the West Company
April 19, 1775, and *Benmanuel* was credited to Needham as a
soldier later in the war. (Year-book S. A. R., 1897, p. 389.)

The Pratts of Weston, Newton and Needham are descendants of the noted Phinehas Pratt of Plymouth, one of the first settlers.

193 JEMIMA | *wife of* | Seth Muzzy, | DIED | Feb. 12, 1856, |
Æt. 53.

*Ah! weep no more: for she is at rest
Where sickness and sorrow never can come,
She rests among the peaceful and blest,
Dear Mother has gone to a happy home.*

This stone is a short distance north of the south driveway, and southeast of the older Greenwood stones.

Seth Muzzy and Jemima Trull of Natick were m. Apr. 15, 1834 (int. Nov. 15, 1833).

Seth was b. in Needham, Sept. 6, 1803, d. in Natick, Sept. 8, 1871, fifth child of Benoni and Lucy (Lewis) Muzzy, who had ten children whose births are recorded in Needham.

Benoni was b. in Shrewsbury, Aug. 14, 1760, d. in Natick, Apr. 8, 1846, aged 86. He was bapt. Apr. 26, 1760, according to the History of Shrewsbury. Lucy Lewis was b. in Dedham, Jan. 13, 1763, d. in Boylston, Dec. 12, 1863. In 1796 "Benony" was a field driver, and again in 1822, '24-26. In the latter years the record calls him Benoni Mussey.

194 (Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | In Memory of | Mrs MARTHA | BRYANT | *wife of* | *Mr*
Jonathan Bryant | who died | March 5, 1813 | Æt. 57.

Only the upper portion of this stone is visible; the filling with earth has covered much of it, and the roots of trees have grown around it.

195 (Urn.)

ERECTED | In memory of | MRS SOPHIA HOLDEN, | *Consort of*
Mr Thomas Holden | of Boston | who died June 21, 1812 |
Æt. 23.

This stone is largely below the surface of the ground, and it was difficult to obtain the inscription. There may be verses on it and also on 194.

196 FATHER. | THOMAS ARNOLD | Died | April 27, 1864: |
aged 72 yrs.

He was 71 yrs., 5 mos., 15 dys., and was b. in Mercer, Me.,
son of Benjamin and Sarah (Greenleaf) Arnold. (T. Rec.)

197 M^{rs} MARY ARNOLD, | *wife of* | *Thomas Arnold*, | died | Jan.
22, 1845, | aged 52 years.

198 BROTHER. | AMBROSE ARNOLD | Died | Dec. 19,
1847 : | aged 32 yrs.

He was a blacksmith. By his wife Martha B., he had
Alvin F., b. Sept. 4, 1846.

199 (South face.)

LEONARD

*Weep not for me, my pains are o'er
We soon shall meet to part no more.*

(North face.)

LEONARD C. WINCH, | Died Jan. 28, 1816, | Aged 2 years & |
18 days.

He had an uncle of the same name who was b. Feb. 16,
1801, d. Sept. 11, 1805. (Temple's Framingham.)

200 (South face.)

MOTHER

*Lo! where the silent marble weeps,
A saint in Jesus sweetly sleeps,
A heart within its sacred cell,
Where pure religion once did dwell.*

(North face.)

DORCAS WINCH | Died Sept'r 4, 1874, | Aged 85 years, | 6 mo's.

She was b. Feb. 17, 1789, dau. of 171 and 173.

201

(South face.)

FATHER.

*"Be ye also ready for in
such an hour as ye think
not the Son of Man cometh"*

(North face.)

ENOCH WINCH, | Died Nov'r 24, 1821, | Aged 33 years.

He was b. Apr. 13, 1789, son of Jesse and Martha (Brown) Winch. (Temple's Framingham.) Enoch was killed at a "turkey shoot."

Enoch Winch of Natick and Dorcas Greenwood were m. Sept. 13, 1812 (int. Aug. 13), and had two children b. in Needham. (T. Rec.) Their son Enoch Brown Winch, b. in Needham, Nov. 22, 1816, was on the West Precinct committee 1849-52.

202 *In memory of* | M^R CHARLES MILLS. | who died Dec. 30,
1835, | Æt 32.

*The KING of terrors hurled his dart,
Swift to its mark it flew ;
It pierced a generous, virtuous heart,
That vice nor folly knew.
No age from death can fly,
No friends but what must part ;
Death will dissolve the tender^{est} tie
That's found within the heart.*

This stone is about twelve feet east of the McCracken tomb.

Charles Mills d. of the small-pox. I do not know his ancestry. Levi and "Merriam" Mills had a son Charles b. in Adams, May 7, 1800. (Need. T. Rec.)

203 *In memory of* | M^{RS} SARAH Relict of | M^R CHARLES
MILLS, | who died March 6, 1836, | Æt 22.

*Hence he arose, ascended high
And showed our feet the way,
Up to the Lord our souls shall fly
At the great rising day.*

Charles Mills m. Sarah Chambers June, 1835 (int. Apr. 24).

The Mills family is one of the oldest families in Needham. On July 2, 1705, the selectmen of Dedham gave *Benjamin Mills* a license to keep a public house near the Lower Falls. He together with *Benjamin, Jr., William* and *Zachariah* petitioned for the incorporation of the town in 1710.

The aforesaid Benjamin, son of Samuel of Dedham, was selectman 1711, '19, and on Feb. 8, 1711/12, was elected constable, the first and only one in town. In early times the constable acted as collector of taxes, including the minister's salary. Mr. Mills was tythingman 1714, surveyor of highways 1715 (there were five that year), assessor 1719. A short, unaccepted street in Hahaton Field is named Mills Road in memory of this family.

For dismissal of Benjamin Mills and others from the First Church in Dedham to the church in Needham, March 6, 1719/20, see Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. IV, p. 69.

On December 18, 1711, the town chose a committee of nine to select a site for the meeting house. The name of Benjamin Mills is first, and is followed by the names of Richard Moore, Sargeant John Fisher, John Smith, Sen., Jeremiah Woodcock, Robert Cook, Ephraim Ware, Andrew Dewing and Timothy Kingsbury. On December 25, 1711, the town voted that "infine Spring of Newtown Shold be the Mafter workman" and chose Messrs. Mills, Fisher, Smith, Woodcock, Cook and Ware, together with Jonathan Gay, Thomas Fuller, John Smith, Jun., Joseph Mills, Eleazer Kingsbury and George ("joarg") Robinson a committee to superintend its construction.

Benjamin Mills served on as many as a dozen different committees of the town appointed to attend to church matters.

On June 23, 1713, Lieut. John Fisher was paid £2 for "Glasing of the meetting Houfe," and September 15, 1713, the town voted to have "Ens" John Spring of Newtown for the Carpenter." He had already, apparently, partly completed the meeting house. On August 16, 1714, John Spring

received for £23 in full for work done on the meeting house.

On August 31, 1716, Jeremiah Woodcock contracted to finish the meeting house for £30, and gave a bond to have it done by June 1, 1717. He appears to have complied with the agreement.

Benjamin, Jr., son of Benjamin, was selectman and assessor 1717, town treasurer 1717. In 1719 he was on the committee to care for the school land and to "Set up a School." (See Noyes 5, p. 19.) He is buried in Needham. (Wood. Ephs., p. 2.) On June 9, 1712, £2 was voted to him for entertaining at his house Mr. Oaks, the minister.

William was field driver 1713, fence viewer 1717, selectman and assessor 1732.

Zachariah was one of the two "Hawards" 1719, selectman and assessor 1734, '35, '43, '46, '47, assessor only 1741, selectman 1749.

Samuel was surveyor of highways 1712, constable 1715.

Joseph was fence viewer 1713, '16, surveyor of highways 1715, '17, '19, constable 1720, selectman and assessor 1723.

Ebenezer was field driver in 1715.

John, son of Benjamin, Jr., was selectman and assessor 1753. The house owned by Curtis McIntosh, and situated on the northerly side of Great Plain Avenue, was the home of John's wife, and was built by her father, Thomas Fuller, prior to 1708, and is probably the oldest house in town, its only rival being the Robert Fuller house, off Forest Street, owned by the heirs of Susan L. Atkins. The third oldest house in Needham is the old Townsend house now the home of the writer (see the Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. I, p. 81 and Vol. X, p. 45); the fourth in age is probably another Fuller house, lately the home of John Wesley Greenwood, and the fifth is the Amos Fuller house built, it is said, in 1754, now owned by Augustus Newell, unless the house of Augustus Blackman, formerly the residence of Lieut. Col. Moses Mann, is older. On South Street is an ancient house owned by Samuel For-

syth. This house was once the home of a Mills family. About the year 1772 Ephraim Paine lived here.

The ancient Newell-Fisher house, at the corner of Central Avenue and Charles River Street, was long in a ruinous condition, having been uninhabited for twenty years, and was burned July 3, 1896. The Rev. Daniel Kimball, A. M., gave a lecture many years ago on the subject of the old houses then standing in the town, and his manuscript was in the possession of the late Charles Curtis Greenwood, and is now presumably in the custody of the Dedham Historical Society. There are several other old houses in Needham, but fewer than when Mr. Kimball gave his lecture, which ought to be printed. I recall the removal of the ancient chimney from the Fuller-Mills house, and the substitution of the modern one.

"Nov. 8, 1762 John Mills died in the morning." (Ch. Rec.) In the Suffolk Registry of Probate is a very full record of the settlement and distribution of John Mills's estate, which was administered on by Judith, his widow, and John Fisher. The inventory, August 29, 1763, amounted to £1050: 1: 10, a goodly sum for those days, and there were 126 acres of land, including a parcel adjoining the Fuller house on the present Great Plain Avenue. As Thomas Fuller survived his son-in-law John Mills, and as Mills's homestead was at the Upper Falls near Charles River, it is probable that his second son, Oliver, was the first Mills to occupy the Fuller house, now properly known as the Mills House. John Mills left ten children, and his eldest son, *Richard*, had a double portion of the estate. If it is a fact, as the probate record indicates, that Mills d. prior to July 2, 1762, it was another John who d. Nov. 8, 1762, but it was apparently not *his* son John.

Benjamin was selectman 1771, '84, assessor 1771, and d. suddenly Nov. 9, 1793, aged 73. On May 22, 1778, he was added to the committee "to take Care of the Continental Soldiers Families."

On October 31, 1778, the first warrant for a meeting of the First Parish was directed to him as constable.

Lieut. *Oliver*, son of John, was first Lieutenant of the First Company April 19, 1775, and December 15, 1777, the town voted to pay him \$6. 1784, 87, "For his Going to Work in December 1776." On December 15, 1780, he was on the committee "to hire the men that are Now Called for." Selectmen 1779, '86, '87, '89, '92, '94, '95.

He was a member of the First Parish, and served on its special committees. In 1794 Capt. Leonard and L^t Oliver were on the town committee of seven to see to "an allowance being made to those men that are Drilled as minute men." Baptized May 23, 1742, "Oliver, Son of John Miller." (Ch. Rec.)

On April 19, 1775, *Blaker*, son of Zachariah, was sergeant of the East Company, was killed at West Cambridge, and his body brought home in a cart by James Smith, Jr., and, it is said, buried not far from the Revolutionary monument on which his name is inscribed in the graveyard on Nehemiah Street. (See History of Norfolk County, 1884, p. 520, and the History and Directory of Northam, 1888-89, p. 28.)

David, Benjamin, Jr., Ezra, Philip and Leonard were in the same company.

Lieut. *Williams* was in the Revolution.

Benjamin, Jr., and Luke, Jr., were in the West Company April 19, 1775, and *Amos*, killed at West Cambridge. *Abijah, Mechaniah, Jr., and Jours* were minute men from Northam.

Benjamin, Jr., and Benjamin, 3d, who enlisted for service in Canada, were paid a bounty of £7 each, February, 1777.

Luther graduated at Harvard College in 1792 (A. M.).

Leonard, brother of Lieut. Oliver, was a militia captain, and had been a "Lexington alarm" man. He was chosen collector for the First Parish December 11, 1780, and held that office in 1818, '20.

In 1794 he was a captain, but is called "Lt" in the records of an earlier date. For service on a committee in 1794 see Lieut. Oliver Mills. (Need. Ephs., p. 26.)

Lemuel, Jr., son of preceding, was elected assessor 1828, but declined.

Rufus, brother of Lemuel, Jr., was the first postmaster in Needham and served from 1827 to 1840. He lived in the house now the home of the writer, and had the post office there. Mr. Mills was one of the inspecting school committee 1828-31, '33-35, of the superintending school committee 1839, clerk of the First Parish 1828-39, and its treasurer 1834-38, town assessor 1829, '32-34, '39, '42, town treasurer 1830-34, constable 1832-34, coroner 1832-39, justice of the peace from February 9, 1846.

He also held many minor town offices such as sealer of bread 1828-31, prudential school committee 1829, '30, field driver 1830. He taught school in Dedham. (See Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. V, p. 64, where his father is erroneously called Samuel.) For obituary notice see the Needham Chronicle, July 27, 1878. (Need. Ephs., p. 49.)

William Ritchie, son of Rufus, was on the school committee 1872-74, selectman 1873, '74.

Edward Augustus, son of Rufus, was collector for the First Parish 1870, '72, and was one of its standing committee 1874-77 (four years).

John, son of Lieut. Fisher, and grandson of Lieut. Oliver, was selectman 1841, '42. (Need. Ephs., p. 57.)

For facts relating to his second wife, Joanna Eames Dana, see Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. IX, p. 8. She was rather a remarkable woman, and wrote excellent verse. A volume of her poems was published.

Davis Collins, brother of John preceding, was selectman 1832, '33, '43, '44, assessor 1841. He served on various special committees of the First Parish. (Need. Ephs., p. 58.)

John Fisher, son of Davis Collins, was the collector for the First Parish 1893-96, and has been for many years one of its

choir. Since 1883 he has been the superintendent of the large cemetery owned by the parish, and town assessor 1894–(chairman of the assessors 1896, '97).

The Mills family have held a great number of minor town offices, and served on many committees of the town and parish not mentioned in the foregoing pages.

204

(Willow.)

ERECTED | in memory of | CHARLES HENRY | Son of |
SOLOMON J. & ELIZA | FLAGG, | who died | accidentally
& suddenly | June 2, 1829, | aged 14 months.

*Kind friends & Parents do not grieve,
That I so soon & suddenly leave
Your fond embraces, & ascend,
To GOD my Father & my friend.*

This stone is about two rods east of the McCracken tomb, between the gravestones of Charles Mills and his wife. The child's name is on the Flagg monument in Woodlawn Cemetery, the inscription on which will be included later in this book. See 307.

205 In memory of | CAROLINE, | wife of *Nathan C. Estes*, |
who died | March 25, 1843, | aged 33 years.

*Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled.
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.*

Nathan C. Estes of Newton m. Caroline Hall Nov. 25, 1841 (int. Nov. 5), and Ann Carhart Jan. 25, 1844 (int. Mar. 23). He d. in 1891, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

206 In | memory of | MRS. ELIZABETH | BARRETT | who
died July 2, 1846, | Æ ! 69 years.

She d. Jan. or June 22 according to the transcript of deaths at the State House. She was a widow. 205 and 206 are near the Smith and Ware gravestones and should have followed 122.

207 FATHER. | Capt. W^m BROWN, | died Jan. 30, 1853 ; |
aged 76 years.

This stone is close to the wall about twenty feet north of the receiving tomb.

He was 76 yrs., 24 dys., a "Mariner," and was b. in Windham, Me., son of Amos and Elizabeth Brown. (T. Rec.)

208 SARAH, | *Relict of* | William Brown, | died Sept. 8, 1855, |
Æt. 70.

She was 68 yrs., 9 mos., 29 dys., dau. of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Gay) Brackett, who were m. Nov. 4, 1779. (T. Rec.)

Sarah was b. in Weston, Nov. 10, 1786, and is called "Sally" in the record. Her father was of Weston, and his intention of marriage was published there Aug. 14, 1779. (Weston T. Rec.)

209 MRS. RUTH, | Widow of | MR. JAMES CROCKETT, | of
Gorham, Me., | died Mar. 19, 1858, | aged 88 yrs. & 7 mos.

This stone is close to that of 207.

She was 88 yrs., 7 mos., 22 dys., and was b. in Windham, Me., sister of 207.

210-214 (Front.)

MCCRACKEN. | JAMES MCCRACKEN, | died Apr. 5, 1857, |
Æt. 65.

JANE, | wife of James McCracken | died Feb. 23, 1855, Æt. 51.

(Back.)

ROBERT MCCRACKEN | died Sept. 15, 1844, | Æt. 13 mos.

ISABELLA MCCRACKEN | died Mar. 29, 1852, | Æt. 18 yrs.
5 mos.

ELIZABETH MCCRACKEN | died Dec. 30, 1852, | Æt. 15 yrs.
2 mos.

James was b. in Ireland, son of Hugh and Mary McCracken. Hugh d. Oct. 22, 1835, of "old age." (West Ch. Rec.) (Oct. 16 in Dr. Josiah Noyes's diary.)

Jane was aged 51 yrs., 6 mos., 8 dys., and was b. in Ireland,
 dau. of John and Alice White.

Robert was b. Aug. 14, 1843, son of 210 and 211.

Isabella was b. Oct. 10, 1833, dau. of 210 and 211.

Elizabeth was b. Oct. 12, 1837, dau. of 210 and 211.

215-221

(North face of a monument.)

FRANCIS H. POOLE, | Died Dec. 4, 1886, | Aged 48 yrs. 5 mos.

MY DARLING THOU ART GONE TO REST
 THY WORK AND CARE IS O'ER,
 THE SAVIOUR SUMMONED THEE AWAY
 TO SHARE THE JOY OF HEAVEN.

POOLE.

(East face.)

JOHN McCracken, | DIED | NOV. 30, 1884. | AGED 83 YRS.
 3 MOS.

MARY WIFE OF | JOHN McCracken, | DIED JAN. 2, 1883, |
 AGED 70 YRS. 5 MOS.

HUGH A. McCracken | DIED FEB. 22, 1832, | AGED 3 MONTHS.

McCracken.

(South face.)

WILLIAM McCracken, | DIED | OCT. 31, 1842, | AGED 4 YRS.
 9 MOS.

SARAH J. McCracken | DIED JULY 9, 1848, | AGED 8 MONTHS.

JOHN McCracken JR. | DIED APRIL 15, 1858, | AGED 24
 YEARS.

Francis H. Poole of Boston m. Susan J. McCracken Nov.
 29, 1878.

John McCracken was a field driver in 1856. He and sev-
 eral of his family were members of the West Church.

Hugh Alexander was b. Nov. 22, 1831, son of 216 and 217.

William was b. Jan. 15, 1838, bapt. Aug. 4, 1839 (West Ch.
 Rec.), son of 216 and 217.

John, Jr., was b. Aug. 12, 1833, son of 216 and 217.

222

(Tomb south of monument.)

ERECTED 1841 BY | JOHN MCCrackEN.

223-225

DANIEL DADMUN | died Sept. 4, 1856, | Æt. 65 yrs.

DANIEL DADMUN | died Mar. 28, 1827, | Æt. 3 yrs.

NEWELL H. DADMUN | died Aug. 27, 1833, | Æt. 3 mos.

Daniel was 65 yrs., 5 mos., and was b. in Marlborough, son of Elijah and Bathsheba Dadmun. (T. Rec.)

Elijah Dadmun and Bathsheba Parmenter were m. in Sudbury, Feb. 28, 1781, removed to Marlborough. (Temple's Framingham.)

The name is called Dedman or Dedmun in the Needham town records.

Daniel kept the toll gate on the Worcester turnpike near Blossom Street. He was hogreave 1819, sealer of leather 1823-26, '29-34, '36, West district school committee 1825, fence viewer 1826, '27, '29, '37-39, '45, measurer of wood 1828, '29, field driver 1829, '30, '33, '34, '37-39, '45, assistant assessor 1834.

The births of seven of his children are recorded in Needham. Daniel (224) was b. May 5, 1824, son of 223 and his wife Lydia Temple. Newell H. was b. May 18, 1833, son of 223 and Lydia.

226 WILLIAM FLAGG | DIED | Feb. 16, 1861, | Æt. 58 yrs.

*"Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord."*

He was b. in Boston, Oct. 15, 1802, son of Solomon and Esther (Brown) Flagg. See 310 and 311.

He was hogreave 1826, '27, constable 1827, one of the inspecting school committee 1828, '29, '32, '33, '37, prudential school committee (West) 1830, measurer of wood 1828-34, '36, '37, fence viewer and field driver 1831-33, selectman 1831-33

(resigned in 1833 and his brother Solomon was elected), '35, '36, '44, '45, '52, '59, '60, assessor 1835, '46-48, '50-54, representative to the General Court 1836, '37, town treasurer 1838, tax collector 1840, '45. On March 4, 1833, the town first chose fire wards, and Mr. Flagg was one of the six then elected. There were fourteen fire wards in 1875, but for some years the engineers of the fire department have been also "Forest Fire Wards."

Mr. Flagg was a man of strong character, and of much influence, held many minor town offices not mentioned in the foregoing, was a justice of the peace, and the older citizens refer to him as a Whig leader. He also had experience as a school teacher.

The town passed appropriate resolutions at its next meeting after his decease. He was clerk of the West Precinct July 13, 1846-April 9, 1855, clerk of the West Church August 5, 1846-January 19, 1848, deacon November 28, 1849-February 16, 1861, on the committee of the West Precinct 1836, '37, '42, '43, and moderator of some of its meetings 1834-42.

He was the second postmaster at West Needham, succeeding Charles Noyes, and served more than twenty-five years.

Charles C. Greenwood wrote of Mr. Flagg:—

"For a quarter of a century he has occupied a prominent and honorable position in this town, and filled all the responsible offices in its gift.

"For a long series of years he was almost invariably chosen Moderator at Town meetings, and often appointed on committees to carry out important public enterprises. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor. He was much engaged in the settlement of estates. All of the many and varied trusts committed to his care were honestly and faithfully discharged. 'Squire' Flagg was a man of active mind, sound judgment, and great energy of character. He was firm and decided in his opinions, plainly and sometimes bluntly expressing them, but he had a kind heart, ever ready in cases of sickness and misfortune to perform those kind acts and offices characteristic of the good neighbor and Christian. He was a man whose advice and counsel was highly valued.

"The funeral services took place on Tuesday afternoon, 19th, from the Church at West Needham, and the house was filled to its utmost capacity.

"An impressive discourse was delivered by Rev. A. R. Baker, the pastor. The concluding prayer was offered by Rev. A. Bigelow of Medfield, a former pastor. At the conclusion of the services the whole congregation followed in procession the remains to their last resting place, thus testifying to the universal respect and esteem with which the deceased was regarded."

227-228

MRS. MARTHA B. | Wife of | WILLIAM FLAGG, | Died Feb.
2, 1848, | Aged 44 years.

*Loved wife and mother take thy rest
Where pain and parting never come,
Oh, may we, find among the blest,
With thee delight, eternal home.*

MARTHA B. | Daughter of | Wm & Martha B. Flagg, | Died Jan.
4, 1848, | Aged 13 days.

*Sleep sweet babe and take thy rest,
God called you home when he thought best.* •

Mrs. Flagg was b. Oct. 11, 1803, dau. of Jesse and Martha (Brown) Winch, and sister of Enoch Winch (201). (Temple's Framingham.) The intention of marriage of William Flagg and Martha B. Winch is recorded Oct. 23, 1825. (T. Rec.)

The births of four of her children are recorded in Needham, and that of a son of Mr. Flagg by his second wife, Sophia.

229 LUCY, | dau. of G. W. & M. J. | Moulton, died | Dec. 10,
1853, | *Æt.* 3 yrs. 1 mo.

*"Of such is the kingdom of
heaven."*

Lucy was b. Oct. 29, 1850, dau. of George W. and Mary J. Moulton, who had four children whose births are recorded in Needham.

230 In memory of | MRS. MARTHA JACKSON | widow of Edward Jackson, | who died | March 11, 1838. | aged 67 years.

*Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.*

Perhaps she was the lady admitted to the West Church July 9, 1809, then Mrs. Martha Brown but later Mrs. Jackson. She removed to Natick, and was dismissed from the Church in Needham June 6, 1827. Edward Jackson was on the committee of the West Precinct 1786.

231

(Willow.)

SACRED | *to the memory of* | MRS. CAROLINE MCINTIRE | wife of | MR. JOHN MCINTIRE ! | *died* Dec. 5th 1826, | *Æt.* 36 Y^{rs}.

*Friends nor physicians could not save,
My mortal body from the grave ;
Nor will the grave confine it here,
When Jesus calls I must appear.
My partner and my children dear,
I leave to God's paternal care ;
And all my friends where'er you be,
Prepare in time to follow me.*

She was b. Feb. 15, 1791, dau. of Nathan and Elizabeth (Broad) Dewing, who were m. in Boston, June 7, 1780. Caroline m. John McIntire Nov. 8, 1807 (int. June 6), and had eight children whose births are recorded in Needham. John and Caroline, with their four children, John, Samuel, George and James, were bapt. May 30, 1819. A dau., Caroline, was bapt. Sept. 3, 1820, and Elizabeth, another dau., was bapt. Oct. 12, 1823. (West Ch. Rec.)

Ensign Nathan Dewing was assessor 1796, and held different minor offices in the town. He was a soldier in the Revolution. (See Mass. S. and S. in Rev.) Nathan was one of the committee of the West Precinct 1786-89. As early as 1804 he was a militia captain. By his second wife, Mrs. Adah Mills, whom he m. Sept. 20, 1804 (int. July 25), he was

the father of Lieut. Paul Dewing and of the late William Dewing. For an obituary of William see the Needham Recorder for November 30, 1895. Nathan Dewing d. in Boston, Oct. 11, 1832. (Dr. Noyes's diary.)

232

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MR. JAMES PERRY, | *who died* | *March*
4, 1833 : | *Æt.* 42.

This stone is remote from the monument in memory of
233-236.

233-236

(North face of a monument.)

ISABELLA, | *wife of* | JAMES PERRY, | *DIED* | *Aug. 8, 1848,* |
Æ. 33 yrs.

WILLIAM S. PERRY, | *DIED* Nov. 24, 1867, | *Æ.* 44 yrs.

(West face.)

MRS. MARY PERRY, | *DIED* | *Jan. 13, 1872,* | *Æ.* 78 yrs. 5 mos.

EMILY A. R. PERRY, | *DIED* | *Apr. 27, 1874,* | *Æ.* 19 yrs.
10 mos.

237-238

(South face of a monument.)

WILLIAM GRAY, | *DIED* Jan. 19, 1879, | *Æt.* 80 yrs. 8 ms. | &
19 dys.

ALICE. | *Wife of* | William Gray, | *DIED* | July 31, 1864, | *Æt.*
66 yrs. 5 ms.

GRAY.

William was b. in Ireland, son of Thomas and Katie Gray. He was a farmer. His wife Alice was also b. in Ireland, dau. of Hugh and Mary McCracken, and sister of 210.

239

HANNAH | HENDERSON

She d. Nov. 9, 1865, aged 48 yrs., 8 mos., 25 dys., and was b. in Topsham, N. H., dau. of Moses and Betsey (McKeith) Wallace. (T. Rec.)

240 SARAH R. STEVENS, | DIED | MAY 6, 1879, | AGED |
61 YRS. 5 MOS.

She was 63 yrs., 3 mos., according to the town records, and was b. in Needham, dau. of 11 and 12.

241 HORACE STEVENS, | BORN IN NEEDHAM, | JAN. 1811, |
DIED | AUG. 17, 1889.

He was b. Jan. 21, 1811, son of 11 and 12.

This concludes all the inscriptions from the large middle section of the graveyard, with the exception of that on the gravestone of John W. Clements, d. 1864, and those on the new Holt monument.

242-247

S FLOYD

MEHITABLE, | wife of Samuel Floyd, | died Nov. 16, 1846,
Æt. 56.

Weep not for me but for yourselves.

*A well beloved wife and mother,
And beloved by all who knew her.*

(Back.)

EUNICE FLOYD | died May 6, 1829, Æt. 11 yrs 21 ds.

MEHITABLE FLOYD | died Aug. 1, 1821, Æt. 1 yr. 2 ms.

An INFANT *Daughter* | died July 28, 1821, Æt. 1 day.

JOSEPH G. FLOYD | died Feb. 17, 1832, Æt. 6 ms.

Except ye become as a little child, ye cannot enter the kingdom of God.

SAMUEL P. FLOYD | died Dec. 29, 1843, Æt. 21 ys. | 3 ms.
20 ds.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, for he calls me a child of his own.

This stone was found by Mr. Hunt and myself some months since, and it was entirely covered with grass and earth.

Query, How many more stones are there in this graveyard that are not visible? The Floyd stone lies on the ground in the northern section of the yard, and should have been included earlier in the book. A foot stone to Samuel P. Floyd locates the lot.

Mehitable was found dead, and the town records state that she d. Nov. 17, 1846, aged 55 yrs.

Samuel was b. Feb. 17, 1790, son of Philip and Deborah (Edes) Floyd, who were m. Oct. 26, 1788. She was the widow of Samuel Ware, Jr., whom she m. Nov. 26, 1778. (Ch. Rec.)

Philip Floyd was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and d. Nov. 28, 1820, aged 67 yrs.

Deborah Edes was b. Sept. 18, 1758, bapt. Oct. 1 (Ch. Rec.), dau. of John and Deborah (Pratt) Edes, who were m. Jan. 10, 1749.

The births of six children of Philip Floyd are recorded in Needham, and those of five children of his son Samuel.

The names on the back of the stone are those of children of Samuel and Mehitable (Kingsbury) Floyd, who were m. July 27, 1817 (int. July 12). Eunice was b. Apr. 12, 1818, Mehitable was b. May 28, 1820, Joseph Grafton was b. Aug. 20, 1831, Samuel P. was b. Sept. 9, 1822.

248-249

SARAH MANSFIELD, | DIED | July 26, 1865 ; | aged 76 yrs. |
8 mos. & 2 dys.

*Trust in the Lord Jehovah, Trust:
Hosanna to the God of grace.*

REBECCA MANSFIELD, | died Oct. 28, 1802 ; | aged 2 yrs.
8 mos. | & 29 dys.

Sarah was b. Nov. 24, 1788, Rebecca was b. Jan. 30, 1800, daus. of Epes and Sarah (Smith) Mansfield, who were m. Jan. 10, 1788. For an account of this prominent Methodist family see Robert Mansfield (489), later in this book.

250 WESLEY W. MCINTIRE, | Son of | Henry & Mary
McIntire, | died Nov. 24, 1849, | Æt. 15 yrs.

*Dear brother thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel,
He is God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrow heal.*

His brothers *Warren F.* and *George L.* are buried next to him. Numbers 248-250, are in the newer western section of the yard, south of the driveway. I copied all the epitaphs there, but as they are in memory of persons who died 1859-1882, I have decided not to print them, but to inscribe them in a book, with notes and an index, and to deposit the book in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, where it may be consulted.



EPITAPHS

FROM WOODLAWN CEMETERY IN WELLESLEY

IN 1858 the church in the West Precinct of Needham, Wellesley, expended part of the fund left to it by Betsey Brown (see 55, p. 36), in purchasing land west of the old graveyard. In 1871 this land was sold, and other land bought on what is now Wellesley Avenue; this in turn was exchanged for land on Brook Street, which was laid out for a cemetery and named Woodlawn in 1877. (See History of the Wellesley Congregational Church, by the Rev. Edward Herrick Chandler, p. 96.)

It is stated by those in a position to know, that, including the remains of sixty-seven persons from the Bullard, Parker and Smith tombs, there have been no less than one hundred and forty removals from the old graveyard, most of them to Woodlawn. The Wellesley Congregational Church owns a series of lots in the westerly part of the new cemetery, and there have been placed many old blue slate gravestones, but scattered throughout Woodlawn are stones that came from the old yard. I have copied all epitaphs commemorating persons who died prior to 1861, and some of a later date.

I wish to acknowledge the courtesy and information received from Mr. George Henry Robbins of Wellesley, who made many of the removals, and kept a careful record of them.

252 CHARLES DEMING | died | December 17, 1817, | aged
44 years.

He was b. Mar. 6, 1774, son of 257 and 258.

He was hogreave 1794, field driver and highway surveyor 1798. On March 12, 1798, he and "L" Nathan Dewing were chosen deerreaves, and were the last in Needham. Charles was on the West district school committee 1798, 1800, '01, constable (West) 1800, '01, tythingman 1801.

This epitaph was numbered 252 rather than 251 to allow for 64a. As there is also 153a it should have been 253 to indicate the exact number.

253 MEHITABLE, | WIFE OF | CHARLES DEMING, | died
Sept. 5, 1867, | Æ. 90 yrs. 8 mos.

The hoary head is a crown of glory.

She was b. Jan. 5, 1777, dau. of Moses and Elizabeth (Newell) Fuller, who were m. Apr. 14, 1774.

Mehitable m. Charles Deming July 24, 1793. (Ch. Rec.)

254

(Urn.)

IN memory of | *Charles Deming* | Son of Mr. Charles & | Mr.
Mehitable Deming | who died June 1796 | aged 5 days.

*Farewell sweet Babe
till we shall meet above,
And there with you
sing the redeemer's love.*

The child was b. June 23, 1796.

255

(Urn.)

Adeline | *Daugh. of* | Charles & Mehitable | Deming, | died Augt.
30. 1809. | Æt. 1 year & 5 mo.

Adeline's birth is not recorded in the town records. On Nov. 21, 1802, six children of Charles Deming were bapt. viz. Jonathan Edes, Esther, Anna, Charles, Mary and Elizabeth Fuller. (West Ch. Rec.)

1774 his name heads the list of those who pledged themselves to contribute towards building a meeting house.

For epitaph of Capt. Charles Deming, 1740, see Need. Ephs., p. 4.*

258

(Urn.)

IN memory of | Mr^s Esther Deming, | *Wife of Mr. Jonathan Dem-*
ing; | who died August 30 - 1792 : | *Ætatis* 58.

*Jesus can make a dying bed,
Feel soft as downy pillows are;
Then on his breast I'll lean my head,
And breath my life out sweetly there.*

259

(Urn.)

IN memory of | Miss Esther Deming, | *Daughter of Mr. Jonathan &*
Mr^s | Esther Deming : | who died | March 23^d 1791 : | *Ætatis* 19.

*Forbear fond Parents; cease to grieve,
Twice Jesus lent me to your arms:
With Patience wait, you soon shall see,
Your Child array'd in richer charms.*

Esther was b. Jan. 17, 1772, bapt. Jan. 26.

There was another *Esther* b. June 29, 1795, but she was dau. of 252 and 253.

260

(Urn.)

IN memory of | Miss Anna Deming, | *Daught. of Mr. Jonathan &*
Mr^s | Esther Deming : who died | May 18th 1788; | *Ætatis* 11.

*Why do we mourn departed friends,
Or shake at death's alarms;
Tis but the voice which Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms.*

Anna was b. Feb. 17, 1777.

* The references to the Needham Epitaphs may not be intelligible to persons unfamiliar with the work of the late Charles Curtis Greenwood. He copied and published in the *Dedham Historical Register* the inscriptions in the old graveyard on Nehoiden Street, Needham, with brief genealogical and biographical notes. After Mr. Greenwood's decease a reprint was issued with an index. This reprint appeared in 1898, and was limited to sixty-five copies.

261

(Urn.)

IN memory of | Doctor William Deming | who died Nov^r y^e 28th
1789 : | Ætatis 62.

*No flat'ring Marble lures the trav'ler here,
This spot is facred to affection's tear ;
He was in life what artful men pretend,
Companion, Parent, Neighbour, Christian, Friend.*

His house was finished in 1755 He was a prominent physician, and "Done a turn" as a soldier in the Revolution, although his name is not in the Mass. S. and S. in Rev.

The Demings and the Fisks who follow originally reposed in the old graveyard near the church, and north of the Noyes tomb. At the removal the remains of each person were placed in a separate box, and each family buried in a square grave in the centre of a new lot. This is according to the statement of reliable people.

262

(Obelisk. Willow and urn. Obelisk.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | ENOCH FISK, Esq^r | *who died* | Oct.
2, 1827 : | Æt. 77.

*A Husband, Father, Brother, sleeps !
Affection mourns, and Friendship weeps ;
But faith, which sooth'd his ling'ring pain,
Shall our desponding hearts sustain
With hope of that eternal day,
When God shall wipe all tears away.*

He was b. in Natick, son of Moses and Mehitable (Broad) Fisk. (See 354 and 355.)

Enoch was a Revolutionary soldier from Needham, and served near Boston in 1777 and '78 ; surveyor of highways 1782, selectman 1787, '88, 1818, " Constable of the first Parish in Needham " 1788, on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1787, '90, '92, '97, '98, 1802, '03, '07, '11, '18, Lower Falls district school committee 1791, '92, '94, '97, '98, 1800-02, '06, '09, '12, '18, on a committee " to give the Town Treas^r Some Instructions " 1791, assessor 1792, on school house committees March 9, September 14, December 17,

1795, and on two similar committees May 9, 1796, see Nos. 6, 39, 45, 112, 186 and 378, on the committee to provide teachers for the Lower Falls district 1794, '95. He was treasurer of the West Precinct March 24, 1791–March 29, 1797, and March 24, 1804–March 18, 1805. One of the numerous committees on which he served was to provide a plow in 1806. He appears to have been chairman of the committee appointed May 3, 1824, "to procure a poor house." His colleagues were Major Ebenezer McIntosh and Lieut. Jonathan Gay.

In 1807 he was tax collector for the west part of the town, compensation .0375, and in 1818 he was again collector and received .042, surveyor of wood and fence viewer 1816, elected town treasurer March 6, 1820, and declined. Justice of the peace 1814–, and moderator of many town meetings. He was on the West Precinct committee 1791–1805, '24, moderator of its meeting in 1803.

Isaiah [Fiske] was one of the inspecting school committee 1831–33.

263

(Urn with S. F. on it.)

IN Memory of | M^{rs}. SARAH FISK, | *wife of* | *Mr. Enoch Fisk*,
who | died Sep^r 17, 1800, | *Ætatis* 42.

This grave contains the feeble mould'ring

(*clay*)

The spirit triumphs in eternal Day.

Enoch Fisk is said to have m. Sarah Bacon of Natick, May 18, 1780.

264

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | Miss MARY FISK, | *who died* | Oct.
28, 1818 : | *Æt.* 33.

The morn of life serenely rose, alas!

And blush'd with beams to bright to last:

Though her pale corpse is in the grave confin'd,

She leaves a pattern to her sex behind.

She was b. Mar. 12, 1786, dau. of 262 and 263.

265

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | Miss CAROLINE FISK, | *who died* |
Oct. 1, 1812 : | Æt. 23.

*In temper mild in habits pure,
In Jesus Christ Salvation sure.*

She is called Carolina in the town records, b. Dec. 12, 1789,
dau. of 262 and 263.

266

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | Miss HULDAH FISK | *who died* | May
30, 1818 : | Æt. 22.

*From death's arrest no age is free,
Prepare for death and follow me.*

She was b. June 25, 1796, dau. of 262 and 263.

267

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MRS. GRACE FISK, | *Wife of Mr.*
Enoch Fisk Jr. | *who died* Oct. 31, 1822 : | Æt. 41.

*With patience Lord I bore thy hand,
Till death hath sett me free ;
Resign'd my breath at thy command,
Hoping to dwell with thee.*

She was b. in Weston, Dec. 2, 1781, dau. of Joseph and
Elizabeth (Stratton) Seaverns, m. Enoch Fisk, Jr., Nov. 4,
1805 (Weston T. Rec.), int. Oct. 7, 1804. (Need. T. Rec.)

Mrs. Fisk was sister of Peter Lyon's second wife. (See p.
33.) Fisk and Fiske appear to be equally correct ; the latter
form is the more common to-day.

268

(Obelisk. Willow and urn. Obelisk.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MR. ENOCH FISK *Jr.* | *who died* |
Sep! 10, 1827 : | Æt. 46.

*From me this solemn truth receive,
Near to the opening grave you stand ;
Death will not grant a long reprieve,
The end of all things is at hand.*

He was b. Jan. 28, 1781, son of 262 and 263.

He was hogreave in 1805, '08, '19. The births of two of
his children are recorded in Needham.

269

(Um.)

ERECTED | IN memory of | William Fuller Esq. | who died Jan?
17, 1802 : | Æt. 59.

*Beneath this Stone I rest my head,
In slumbers sweet, Christ blest the bed,
Weep not for me my pains are o'er,
We soon shall meet to part no more.*

He was b. Mar. 10, 1743, son of Robert, Jr., and Sarah (Eaton) Fuller.

His ancestors are buried in Needham. (Need. Ephs.)

William was a farmer, and was selectman 1775-81, '83-86, '88-92, '94-96, '98, 1800, '01, assessor 1783, '84, '89, elected representative to the General Court May 17, 1782, and declined, but served in 1789, '90. Since 1831 the representative to the General Court has been chosen in November, but prior to that date the election was in the spring. Mr. Fuller was on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1780, '98, 1800, fence viewer 1785, district school committee 1797, '98, 1800.

On April 19, 1775, William Fuller was a sergeant in the West Company, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

On February 17, 1777, "Lie" William Fuller and "Lie" Ebenezer Fuller were of the committee of five chosen "To See what has been paid, and who has Done a turn or part of a turn, Perfonally," and March 9, 1778, William was one of the committee of five to see what the town "Shall allow to a man that Shall be Drafted or Goes Vollentery in to the Publick Service of the war." On August 2, 1779, he was one of the committee of seven "to State the articles of marchandize and Cuntry Produce &c."

In 1792 he was on the committee to petition for the division of Suffolk County, and August 4, 1794, on that in reference to "an allowance being made to those men that are Drafted as minute men."

On March 14, 1796, he was chairman of the committee of three "to open the Bridle way across Chestnut Hill," and March 9, 1801, chairman of the committee of five "to renew the bounds round the lot of Land lying in Dover." This refers to the Dwight school land, still owned by the town.

"Squire" Fuller was justice of the peace 1795-1802, moderator of many town meetings, and was a leader in the community. He was the first clerk of the West Precinct, and served from January 19, 1775, until his decease. He served with Joseph Mudge, Jr., and Jonathan Kingsbury on the first board of assessors chosen by the West Precinct, March 5, 1778, and in 1780 Lieut. William Fuller was moderator of one of its meetings, and 1791-1801 William Fuller, Esq., was on its precinct committee. Service as precinct assessor will not be mentioned in this work unless for some special reason, such as the failure to elect a precinct committee in a particular year, which gave the assessors additional importance.

270

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS. SARAH FULLER, | *Wife of* |
William Fuller Esq., | *who died* April 26, 1820 : | *Æt.* 69.

*Sweet soul, we leave thee to thy rest,
 Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God,
 Till we from bands of clay releas'd,
 Sing out and climb the shining road.*

She was b. June 1, 1751, dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Woodward) Hunting, and sister of 140, m. William Fuller June 8, 1769. Mrs. Hunting was probably identical with Lydia, bapt. Sept. 11, 1726, dau. of Benoni Woodward.

271

(Willow and urn.)

Sally Fuller, | *Dau^t of Will^m Fuller Esq* | *And Sarah his wife,* |
 Died June 8, 1784 : | *Æt.* 4 months.

*A pleasant plant a blooming flower
 Cut down & wither'd in an hour.*

Sally's birth is not recorded in the town records.

272

(Cherub's head and wings.)

Sacred | to the memory of | M^r. Luther Fuller | who died August 6,
1798. | Ætatis 25.

*Could grateful love recall the fleeting breath,
Or fond affection soothe relentless Death.
Then had this Stone ne'er claim'd a social tear,
Nor read to thoughtless man a lesson here.*

He was b. May 5, 1774, son of 269 and 270.

273

(Lamp, urn, olive tree, lamp.)

IN memory of | John W. Fuller, | *Son of M^r. Luther Fuller & M^{rs}.* |
Abigail his wife; who died | October 28th 1796; in | the
3^d year of his age.

*Farewell dear child, a short farewell,
Till we shall meet again above;
In the sweet groves where pleasures dwell,
And trees of life bear fruits of love.*

The child's birth is not recorded in the town records.

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(Willow and urn.)

IN Memory of | MR. ASA FULLER, | who died | Nov^r. 12, 1808. |
Æt. 27.

*Stop here my friend & drop a tear
Think on the dust that slumbers here
And when you read this date of me
Think on the glass that runs for thee.*

He was b. Oct. 3, 1781, son of 269 and 270.

He was a hogreave in 1807.

275

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | LIEUT. WILLIAM FULLER, | who died | June 8, 1827, |
aged 57 years.

He was b. Apr. 12, 1770, son of 269 and 270.

He was hogreave 1793, Brick district school committee 1800, '14 ("L" the latter year); "Ensⁿ" William Fuller was surveyor of highways 1803, and in 1819 he held that position, but was no longer called "Ensⁿ." Field driver 1803, '06, '14.

276

(Willow and urn.)

IN MEMORY OF | MRS. REBECA FULLER, | Wife of | *Mr. William Fuller*, | WHO DIED | Dec. 5, 1843, | Æt. 71.

She was b. Mar. 11, 1772, dau. of 44 and 45.

"Becca" Bullard m. William Fuller, Jr., Jan. 6, 1793. (Ch. Rec.)

277

(Willow and urn.)

CAPT. | JONATHAN FULLER | died | April 27, 1853, | Æt. 81.

He was b. Apr. 7, 1772, son of 269 and 270.

He was a "L" as early as 1807, when he was field driver and tythingman, surveyor of highways 1811, '18, '33, selectman 1813-16, '22-24, '28, '29, West district school committee 1817, '21, '24, '26, prudential school committee 1834, fence viewer 1829, town agent 1835, chosen to act with the assessors in taking the general valuation in 1835.

On October 27, 1816, he was appointed one of the committee which reported May 1, 1817, in favor of a division of the town, and in 1825 he was on a similar committee, consisting of ten, and May 23, 1825, the town voted for division.

On April 6, 1818, he was on a committee of six "to repair the several School houses," and in 1832 on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer. From 1831-35 he was on the committee of the West Precinct. In the later town records the omission in some instances of his military title suggests that possibly Jonathan Fuller, Jr., may have been intended.

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(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MRS. MARY FULLER, | *wife of* | *Capt. Jonathan Fuller*; | *Died* April 19, 1836, | Æt. 63.

*She's gone from earth—the meek afflicted one.
To rest from all her toil; her work is done;
Her virtues still will live they cannot die,
For they, on earth, but ripen for the sky.*

She was b. Oct. 14, 1772, dau. of Timothy and Dorothy (Colburn) Broad, m. Jonathan Fuller June 9, 1794. (Ch. Rec.)

- 279 IN | memory of | Francis Fuller, | *Son of Mr. Jonathan & Mrs. Mary Fuller*, who died May | 13, 1798, aged 2 years & 11 Months.

*Friend drop a tear o'er his short grave,
Lament in him an early doom,
Be still and know his maker gave,
And call'd him to his Heavenly home.*

Francis was b. June 10, 1795.

- 280 IN | memory of | Rebecca Fuller, | *Daughter of Mr. Jonathan & Mrs. Mary Fuller*, who died | July 19, 1802 : | Aged 8 months.

*A lovely plant, a blooming flow^{er}
Cut down and wither'd in an hour.*

Rebecca was b. Nov. 15, 1801 (T. Rec.), bapt. Feb. 7, 1802. (West Ch. Rec.)

- 281 (Willow.)

- IN Memory of | WILLIAM FULLER, | *Son of Mr. Jonathan, | & Mrs. Mary Fuller ; | who died Dec. 13, 1805 ; | Æt. 1 year & 8 mo.*

*Sweet shall my rest in Jesus be ;
Since He has conquer'd death for me.*

William was b. Apr. 2, 1804 (T. Rec.), bapt. May 27, 1804. (West Ch. Rec.)

- 282 (Willow and urn.)

- SACRED | To the memory of | MR. ALVEN FULLER, | *who died | Mar. 17, 1859, | Æ. 73 yrs. 8 mos.*

He was b. July 16, 1785, son of 269 and 270. He is called Alvan in the town record of births.

He was hogreave 1810, '22, fence viewer 1819.

On April 21, 1799, Alven, Sarah, Clarissa and Cleora, children of William and Sarah Fuller were bapt. (West Ch. Rec.)

283

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS. ANNA FULLER, | *Wife of* | Mr.
Alven Fuller; | who died Aug. 24, 1819: | Æt. 32.

*My living Children all draw near,
Perhaps my death deserves a tear:
Here lies a kind and tender breast,
That gave you succor sleep and rest:
Here rests a kind and folded arm,
That guided each of you from harm;
Here rests my frame in sable ground,
Where each of you must soon be found.*

She was b. Dec. 5, 1787, dau. of 262 and 263.

Alvin Fuller m. "Nancy" Fisk Nov. 12, 1809 (int. Sept. 23).

284

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | PERSIS WARE, | *Daughter of Alven & Anna Fuller;* |
Died March 3, 1835: | Æt. 17 years.

*Go home my friends wipe of your tears,
My dust lies here till Christ appears;
To realms above my spirit flies,
To meet its Saviour in the skies.*

Persis was b. Sept. 15, 1817 (T. Rec.), d. Mar. 2, 1835 (West Ch. Rec.), bapt. Nov. 30, 1817. (West Ch. Rec.)

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(Willow and very small urn.)

SOPHIA, | *wife of* | Alven Fuller, | died Mar. 1, 1859, | aged 70 yrs.

She was 71 yrs., 6 mos., 3 dys., and was b. in Southborough, dau. of Samuel and Lucretia Chamberlain. The intention of marriage of Alven Fuller and Sophia Chamberlain of Southborough was recorded Oct. 13, 1821. (T. Rec.)

The remains of all these Fullers are in a lot in the northerly part of Woodlawn, but they originally rested near the church in the old graveyard.

286-288

(East face of a monument.)

BENJAMIN FULLER | 1782-1857.

SUSAN JACKSON | HIS WIFE | 1783-1857.

(West face.)

EDWARD A. | OUR SON | 1840-1842.

FULLER

There are other names on this monument.

Benjamin was b. in Charlestown, N. H., d. Sept. 26, 1857.

He was a farmer. Chosen deacon of the Congregational Church at West Newton (Second Church) October 31, 1817, and was dismissed, with his wife, to the Church in West Needham, August 10, 1828. Resigned as deacon July 6, 1828. Clerk of the West Church July 9, 1833–October 2, 1833, one of the West Precinct committee 1828–30, '46, its collector 1829, and moderator of its meetings in 1835, '39, '43, '46. He was selectman 1829, '31, tax collector 1832.

Edward Augustus was b. Apr. 3, 1840 (T. Rec.), bapt. Sept. 6, 1840 (West Ch. Rec.), d. Feb. 25, 1842, son of Augustus and Susan S. (Fuller) Fuller, who were m. Dec. 1, 1836. She was a dau. of 286, and d. May 16, 1897.

Augustus Fuller was b. Oct. 24, 1814, d. Oct. 3, 1893, son of 277 and 278, and was a deacon of the West Church November 28, 1849–January 16, 1885, and clerk of the church from January 19, 1848–January 24, 1883. He was one of the committee of the West Precinct 1843–45, '53–58, assessor, there apparently being no committee, 1862–65, '68, '69, moderator of six or more meetings of the precinct 1852–66, and of its last and final meeting April 4, 1870. Augustus Fuller was bapt. Dec. 18, 1814. (West Ch. Rec.)

289-290

(South face of a monument.)

SARAH A. FULLER | DIED MAY 5, 1842 | AGED 3 YRS.
& 5 MO.

(North face.)

PHINEAS WITHINGTON | DIED JAN. 1, 1829 | AGED
65 YRS.

There are other names on this monument which is distinct from the one in memory of 286–288.

Sarah Ann was b. Dec. 24, 1838, dau. of Jonathan, Jr., and Sarah Ann (Withington) Fuller, who were m. Jan. 6, 1830 (int. Dec. 19, 1829).

Jonathan Fuller, Jr., was hogreave 1830, prudential school committee 1836, '38, selectman 1837, '53–57, six years, and

representative to the General Court 1856. From 1836-38, '61 he was on the West Precinct committee, and its moderator 1842 (more than once), 1849, '58-61, '69. He died Mar. 19, 1883, aged 76 yrs., 6 mos., and his wife, Sarah A., d. May 21, 1884, aged 78 yrs. Their names and that of their son Henry Augustus, who was b. Oct. 28, 1830, d. in Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 10, 1865, are on this monument. Henry A. was in the 20th Regiment of Mass. Vols. in the Civil War.

Phineas Withington was dismissed from the First Church in Roxbury to the West Church in Needham April 6, 1828.

291-293

(North face of a monument.)

C

LEWIS CLARK | OCT. 26 1785 | OCT. 10 1829

HANNAH CLARK | FEB. 26 1788 | JUNE 7 1865

REUBEN ALLEN CLARK | JUNE 19 1828 | APRIL 12 1829

There are other names on this monument.

Lewis was son of William and Caty (Glover) Clark, who had six children whose births are recorded in Needham.

Caty Glover was b. in Dedham, m. William Clark June 22, 1782. (Ded. T. Rec.)

The births of five children of Lewis Clark are recorded in Needham. Hannah Kingsbury, his wife, was sister of 60, and m. Lewis Clark Feb. 23, 1812 (int. Feb. 6). Reuben Allen was son of Lewis and Hannah.

Ebenezer and *John* [Clark] were in the East Company April 19, 1775, and *Ebenezer, Jr.*, was the drummer for the company. John and Ebenezer, Jr., rendered considerable service later in the war. (See Mass. S. and S. in Rev.)

294 MARY JANE DIX, | Wife of | L. Allen Kingsbury, |
DIED | Oct. 14, 1854, | Aged 35.

Not lost but gone before.

Luther Allen Kingsbury, son of 318 and 319, was b. Mar. 9, 1818, m. Mary Jane Dix Nov. 30, 1848 (int. Oct. 21). He was then (1848) of Wrentham.

Luther A. was on the school committee 1856, '57, '65, elected for three years in 1866, was chairman 1867, '68, and resigned in 1868.

For an account of him as a teacher see Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. IX, p. 50.

296 ELIZABETH D. DIX, | DIED | Mar. 20, 1865, | aged 66 yrs.

She was 66 yrs., 3 mos., 15 dys., and was b. in Newton, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brookhouse) Craft; dismissed from Park Street Church in Boston to the West Church in Needham September 1, 1830; m. Samuel W. Dix.

296 SAMUEL W. DIX | died | Oct. 7, 1849, Æt. 61.

He was b. in Newton, son of Samuel.

Samuel Dix of Waltham and Hannah Day were m. Aug. 3, 1773. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

Samuel W. Dix held minor town offices in Needham, and in 1832 was on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer. In 1822, '23 and '25 he was one of the West Precinct committee.

297-304 (South face of a monument.)

EMERY FISKE. | BORN FEB. 27. 1803. | DIED MAY
17. 1868. | HIS WIFE | EUNICE MORSE FISKE. |
BORN APRIL 1. 1799. | DIED SEPT. 27. 1886.

FISKE

(West face.)

1829-1842

EMERY | EUNICE L. | EMERY A. | GEORGE H. |
SARAH E. | DAVID |
INFANT CHILDREN OF | EMERY & EUNICE M. FISKE.

Emery Fiske was b. in Framingham, son of Moses (358) and his wife Sybil (Jennison); Emery was a prominent citizen

of Needham, and a Democratic leader. He was selectman 1838-40, assessor 1840, representative to the General Court 1840, '41, delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1853, and held many minor town offices. For a sketch of his life and a portrait see the History of Norfolk County, 1884, p. 488.

His wife was b. in Natick, dau. of Adam and Lydia (Bacon) Morse, and taught school in Natick in her younger days. Emery and Eunice (Morse) Fiske had seven children whose births are recorded in Needham. Their son, *Joseph Emery* (H. U. 1861, later A. M.), was a captain of artillery in the Civil War, selectman 1873-76, representative to the General Court 1874 and senator 1876, '77, member of the school committee 1876-April, 1881, and chairman in 1876. He has also held the more important town offices in Wellesley, including the chairmanship of the school committee for some years, is a gentleman of historical tastes, and resides at the Fiske homestead. For biography and portrait see "One of a Thousand," 1890.

Of the children whose names are on the monument, Emery was b. Aug. 9, 1829, Eunice Loretta was b. June 15, 1831, Emery Adams was b. Apr. 5, 1833, George Henry was b. Sept. 28, 1836 (T. Rec.), d. June 22, 1837, aged 8 mos. (West Ch. Rec.), Sarah Elizabeth was b. June 16, 1838 (T. Rec.), bapt. Sept. 2, 1838. (West Ch. Rec.)

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305-11

(North face of a monument.)

SOLOMON FLAGG | DIED MAY 20, 1892, | AGED
87 YRS.

ELIZA H.—HIS WIFE, | DIED APRIL 7, 1875, |
AGED 73 YRS.

CHARLES H. FLAGG | THEIR SON | DIED JUNE 2,
1829, | AGED 1 YR. 2 MOS.

FLAGG

(East face.)

CHARLES G. FLAGG | DIED JAN. 13, 1860, | AGED
25 YRS.

WILLIAM S. FLAGG | THEIR SON | DIED JAN. 14, 1886, |
AGED 29 YRS. 6 MOS.

(South face.)

SOLOMON FLAGG | DIED FEB. 14, 1837, | AGED 63 YRS.
ESTHER — HIS WIFE, | DIED SEPT. 11, 1866, | AGED
92 YRS.

Solomon (305) was b. in Boston, Aug. 24, 1804, son of 310 and 311.

He made his first appearance as a town officer when he was chosen hogreave in 1828, was highway surveyor 1835, '63, '64, and other years, fireward 1838-40, '43, '44, on the committee to reckon with the town treasurer 1838, tythingman 1841, '42, '49, sealer of bread 1843, '61, surveyor of wood 1863. These are a few of the minor town offices which Mr. Flagg held, and he served on many committees of the town.

On March 7, 1831, he was chosen one of the eight inspecting school committee, and was also on the school committee 1845-51, '57-61, October 13, 1862-March, 1863, November 30, 1863-March, 1865, elected in 1865 for a three-year term and declined, '70-81, a total service of twenty-seven years, counting 1862 and 1863, assessor 1832, '33, '36, '45, '57-59, '61-74, and chairman of the assessors '61-64, '68-74, making a service of twenty-one years, selectman April 1, 1833 (succeeding his brother William, who resigned), '42, '43, '46-49, town clerk from August 19, 1850-April, 1881, town treasurer from May, 1859-April, 1881, representative of the town in the General Court in 1834 and of the district in 1861.

Mr. Flagg was also town clerk of Wellesley 1881-March, 1888. For many years he was a justice of the peace. He taught school thirty-eight years in Needham, Dover, Natick and Sherborn. In his youth he beat the drum for musters and on other occasions, as his father had done, and for fifty

years he led the choir of the church in the West Precinct. Mr. Flagg was often called upon to sing on public occasions, and the writer remembers hearing him sing "Perry's Victory." He was also prominent in the Sunday School, and was treasurer of the West Precinct April 13, 1837-March 11, 1861, clerk of the church May 31, 1842-October 6, 1842, and of the Wellesley Congregational Society December 19, 1864-April 15, 1889. He was one of the West Precinct committee 1836, '47-52, '61, assessor, when apparently there was no committee, 1862-65, moderator of the precinct meetings 1847, '53, '57, '59.

There are very few records of public service equal to Mr. Flagg's, either in Needham or elsewhere.

For a sketch of his life and a portrait see the History of Norfolk County, p. 489. There is also a brief account of him in "One of a Thousand," 1890. For length of service in town affairs his only rival appears to be Captain Robert Cook, of whom I will now give some account.

On January 1, 1700/1, the selectmen of Dedham consented to the purchase by Robert "Cooke" of Dorchester of 40 acres of land "granted to William Nahaton neer the vper falls." The surname of this Indian is spelled in eight different ways in the Dedham town records 1680-84.

Captain Cook was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town 1710, selectman 1711-15, '18-21, '23, '24, '27-31, '34, '35, '37, '39-47 (twenty-eight years), assessor twenty-five years when the selectmen were also assessors, and in 1733, '38 (in all twenty-seven years). No assessors were chosen in 1711, and there was a separate board in 1741 and '42. He was representative to the General Court in 1712, the first from Needham, also in '26, '39, town treasurer 1712, '16, '18, '33-35, '39-45 (thirteen years).

On May 21, 1714, "Leui^t" Robert Cook was chosen moderator, the first recorded choice of a moderator in Needham; he was again moderator March 6, 1716, the second time that an election of this official is noted in the town records, and

also at subsequent meetings. The moderator was chosen "by paper Vots" as early as 1720. For gravestone of his wife see Need. Ephs., p. 5.

The Rev. Mr. Oaks, who preached in Needham for a few months following the incorporation of the town, stayed at the house of Ensign Cook.

Capt. Robert had five children whose births are recorded in Dedham, and three whose births are recorded in Needham.

On November 20, 1721, Capt. Robert Cook, Jeremiah Woodcock and Joseph Boyden were chosen custodians of "Eaight Score pounds," received by an act of the Great and General Court. These "Truftees" were under bonds, and the fund, which was applied to the "use of the Town & School," was expected to yield 5%. On January 28, 1722/3, Thomas Metcalf and Josiah Kingsbury, the town treasurer, were appointed to loan for interest the income of this fund, and £5 which were received by the selectmen on February 27, 1722/3, from John Gay of Dedham and Joseph Boyden of Needham, executors of the will of "Sam^{el} Aldrig Late of this Town," who gave the £5 for the maintenance of a school.

On May 16, 1726, the town considered propositions "to Grant Such Sums of Money for the Releft of the pore & for the Majntance of a School & for the Buildi,'g a School houle." Stephen Bacon was to receive the money "Belonging to the West End of the Town for thare benefit of a school for the yeare 1725."

On May 17, 1727, two petitions were before the town; the first, dated May 13, was signed by eleven citizens and was as follows: "To the Town of Needham Now Affsembled in Town Meeting in as Much as the Westerly inhabobats of this Town have som time since bin at the Charg in purchasing & Moveing a Houfe to Keep Chool in for to Teach our Children to Reid and Wight [the latter word blotted] we therefore thinck it vay proper if the Town shall see Meet to Eftablifh a place for fd houfe Neare the place where it Now

standeth." The town favored a definite place for the building provided the petitioners would pay for the necessary land.

The other petition was signed by Ebenezer Ware and twenty-six others, and requested the town to build a school house "Neare the Houses of Cap^t John Fishers or father Millis." The vote was in the affirmative, but nothing further was done at this meeting. As the petitioners asked that the school house should be "att the Meetting Houfe," it would seem that Capt. Fisher then lived in its vicinity. The question of building a "chool house or housen" was before the town at its meeting March 20, 1726/7, but no action was taken.

In the town report for 1867 is an account of the "School Land" given by Mr. Timothy Dwight of Dedham. This land is said to have been conveyed to the town by Henry and Seth Dwight after their father's decease, the latter having failed to execute his intended deed of gift.

On May 20, 1728, the town voted to "Difalow the Schoole House that was Granted for the westerly Inhabitance." There was much consideration of the school question at this period, and it was difficult to provide instruction for the children of the scattered inhabitants.

There was a petition, May 6, 1728, signed by Josiah Kingsbery and twenty-four other men living in the west part of the town, and a pledge to pay "M^r William Chub" if he would build a school house between the houses of Nathaniel Bullard and Henry Pratt. On June 24, 1728, John Smith, Henry Pratt and Robert Fuller were chosen by the subscribers as assessors to apportion the expense. William Chub was their collector.

On March 1, 1731/2, the petition "of the Most Easterly or South Easterly Inhabitants of the said Town of Needham" was granted, and the town approved of the location which the petitioners, thirty in number, had obtained for a school house. The map of Metropolitan Boston, George H. Walker

& Co., 1898, indicates the site of a school house in 1726 on or near the spot where is now the Shaw school at Wellesley Hills. The town records are rather meagre as to the school houses, and at certain periods the manuscript is hard to read.

"Gemima" Littlefield was a schoolmistress in Needham in 1730 and '31, and John Smith taught in 1731 and earlier. A complete account of the early schools and teachers would fill many pages.

The school terms in the last century were short, seldom more than two or three months.

There were two men named Robert Cook assessed in Needham 1724 —. On September 10, 1730, Robert Cook was appointed schoolmaster and was to receive £4. This was probably *Robert, Jr.*, who was assessed in that year.

Edward was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710. (Need. Ephs., p. 1.)

Eliakim was town clerk 1745, '50, '51, assessor 1749, '51, '59, selectman 1750, '51, '59, '66.

Eliakim, bapt. Dec. 22, 1745, d. Mar. 5, 1808, was a corporal in the East Company April 19, 1775, and Ensign *Eliakim* was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1778, '79. Ensign *Eliakim* was b. March 22, 1711, and d. Aug. 2, 1801, aged 91. His grave is probably one of the hundreds of unmarked graves in the old yard on Nehoiden street in Needham.

To return to the Flagg family whose names appear upon the monument.

Eliza H., wife of Solomon Flagg, was 73 yrs., 2 mos., 14 dys., at her decease, and was b. in Keene, N. H., dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Brown) Hall, m. Solomon Flagg, Jr., and had three children whose births are recorded in Needham.

Charles Henry was b. April 7, 1828; he was killed by an accident. (See stone in old yard, number 204.)

Charles Gay was b. July 23, 1834, bapt. July 3, 1836 (West Ch. Rec.), son of 305 and 306.

William S. was b. June 30, 1856, son of Charles Gay (308) and Ophenia E. Flagg. She d. May 10, 1895.

Solomon (310) was b. in Needham, Feb. 13, 1774, son of Solomon and Lydia (Ware) Flagg, who were m. Sept. 4, 1766, by Rev. Samuel West. (T. and Ch. Recs.) The births of three of their children are recorded in Needham.

Sergeant Solomon, the father of 310, was of Weston at the time of his marriage, but saw much service in the Revolution as a soldier from Needham. On April 19, 1775, he was in the West Company. He died May 4, 1805, aged 63. (T. Rec.) One of his descendants states that he was b. in Weston, Mar. 6, 1733, d. May 4, 1806. All the Flaggs in this vicinity appear to be descended from Thomas Flagg, an early settler of Watertown.

Solomon (310) kept tavern in a house still standing at the corner of Washington and Church streets, where his son Solomon lived for many years.

Solomon (310) was surveyor of wood 1806-24, '26, '27 (called measurers of wood 1821-29), surveyor of highways 1809-11, '18, West district school committee 1810, '12, '15, '16, '19, prudential school committee 1819, assessor 1812-15, sealer of bread 1814, '15, '23, '25, town clerk 1816, '17, '22, elected in 1820 and declined, hogreave 1820, sealer of leather 1822.

Esther (Brown) was 92 yrs. and 16 dys., bapt. by the Rev. Samuel West, Aug. 28, 1774, dau. of 51 and 52, m. Solomon Flagg of Boston, Dec. 22, 1801. According to the West Church records Mr. Flagg d. Feb. 15, 1837.

312-313 (Bas-relief of fern, rose, and lilies of the valley.)

(Front.)

CAROLINE | & | EDWARD.

(Back.)

CAROLINE E. | DIED JAN. 5, 1849, | Æ. 15 YRS. 8 MOS.

EDWARD F. | DIED JULY 25, 1840, | Æ. 3 DYS.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC & | ANGELINE FLAGG.

Caroline Elizabeth was b. Apr. 29, 1833 (T. Rec.), bapt. July 2, 1837. (West Ch. Rec.)

Isaac Flagg was b. Mar. 20, 1806, bapt. Apr. 9, "at his house the child being dangerously sick" (West Ch. Rec.), son of Elisha and Rhoda (Smith) Flagg, who were m. in Needham, Apr. 18, 1797, by the Rev. Stephen Palmer (Ch. Rec.), and had thirteen children. (T. Rec.)

Isaac was a musician and played the fife. He was on the West Precinct committee 1844, '45, '53-58, '61, '66, precinct assessor, when there apparently was no committee, 1867-69.

He was treasurer of the West Church March 11, 1857-January 21, 1874.

He d. in Wellesley, Mar. 27, 1895, aged 89 yrs., 7 dys., and his wife Angeline, or Angelina, d. Jan. 18, 1887, aged 77 yrs. She is said to have been dau. of 282 and 283.

The intention of marriage of Isaac Flagg and Angelina Fuller was recorded Mar. 11, 1832. (T. Rec.)

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(Front.)

ELMIRA C. | Wife of Eben Flagg, | Died March 7th, 1863, |
Æt. 48 y'rs.

EMILY A. M. | Wife of Cha's Faulwassen, | & Daughter of |
Eben & Elmira Flagg, | Died Oct. 2d, 1862, | Æt. 26 y'rs.

(Back.)

CHARLES W. | Son of Eben & Elmira Flagg, | Died Jan. 2d,
1860. | Æt. 10 m's.

EBEN FLAGG. | 1808. 1893. | EMILY M. FLAGG. | 1874. 1897.

Eben, called Ebenezer in the town record of births, was b. May 19, 1808, son of Elisha and Rhoda (Smith) Flagg. Eben, son of Elisha, was bapt. June 26, 1808. (West Ch. Rec.)

He was perhaps the most talented of a very musical family, was a noted bandmaster, and played the bugle, cornet and clarionet. The Flaggs of West Needham and the Manns of East Needham were excellent musicians, and the Fries brothers, Henry, August and Wulf, contributed to give the town a reputation as the residence of some exceptionally

accomplished performers. Henry D. C. Fries had his home in Needham in the fifties, and his brothers were often there. The three brothers, Moses, William Willard and Joel Richards Mann were well known, and Willard as a clarionet player had few equals anywhere. They were sons of Lieut. Col. Moses Mann who was an old-time church chorister.

Eben Flagg d. in Wellesley, Apr. 30, 1893, aged 84 yrs., 11 mos. His son Edward H. is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in right of his ancestor Sergeant Solomon Flagg.

Elmira, called Almira C. in the town record of deaths, was aged 47 yrs., 10 mos., 23 dys., dau. of Josiah and Hannah Haskell, and was b. in Thomaston, Me.

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(Leaves.)

CLARISSA HUNTING, | Feb. 19, 1831,— Oct. 22, 1844.

The names of her parents and brother Willard, who was a soldier in the Civil War and d. while a prisoner of war at Salisbury, N. C., are on this stone.

Clarissa Holt, dau. of Israel, Jr., and Rebecca Hunting, was bapt. May 15, 1831. (West Ch. Rec.)

(West face of a monument.)

KINGSBURY

There are eight small stones in the lot, viz :

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L. KINGSBURY | 1785-1858.

Luther was b. Nov. 27, 1785, d. Mar. 10, 1858, son of Joseph and Mary (Eaton) Kingsbury and brother of 60.

Luther's son *Dexter* was auditor 1868, selectman 1869, '70, '72, tax collector 1869-81, assessor 1877-80, and held various other town offices. He was selectman of Wellesley for some years, and filled other positions in the new town.

Dexter's son *Frederick Horace* has been town clerk of Wellesley since March, 1888, and is the tax collector. Dexter is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

319 MYRA, WIFE OF | L. KINGSBURY | 1795-1879.

Almira was b. in Natick, dau. of William and Deborah (Stearns) Morse. She d. Jan. 14, 1879, aged 83 yrs., 2 mos., 11 dys. (T. Rec.)

320 E. K. | 1827-1831

Ellis was b. May 23, 1827, d. Jan. 7, 1831, son of 318 and 319.

321 F. K. | 1833-1833

Frederic was b. May 12, 1833, d. Aug. 27, 1833, son of 318 and 319.

322 M. K. | 1840-1842

Malvina was b. Mar. 30, 1840, d. July 14, 1842, dau. of 318 and 319.

323 H. E. KINGSBURY | 1831-1862.

Hamilton Ellis was b. Mar. 28, 1831, d. Oct. 5, 1862, son of 318 and 319. On Nov. 1, 1835, Sophronia, Lewis Henry, Hamilton Ellis and Caroline, children of Luther Kingsbury, were bapt. (West Ch. Rec.)

324 SOPHIA A. WIFE OF | H. E. KINGSBURY, | 1835-1874.

Sophia Abbie d. Sept. 3, 1874, aged 39 yrs., 7 mos., 17 dys., and was b. in Boston, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Parker) Grant. The intention of marriage of 323 and 324 was recorded June 28, 1855. (T. Rec.) Sophia m. secondly, Apr. 7, 1864, Joseph Haven Dewing, b. in Charlestown, July 14, 1831, d. 1890, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, son of Seth and Olive (Haven) Dewing. Joseph H. was a sergeant in Company C, 43d Regiment Mass. Vols., in the Civil War, and selectman 1878-April, 1881, later assessor in Wellesley, treasurer of the Wellesley Congregational Society April 17, 1882-April 16, 1883.

Daniel Grant, who d. in Wellesley, Jan. 12, 1899, aged 88 yrs., 6 mos., was selectman in 1844.

324a L. H. KINGSBURY | 1829-1876.

Lewis Henry was b. Apr. 21, 1829, d. May 3, 1876, son of 318 and 319. He was a soldier in the Civil War.

325 (Rose.)

WILLIAM H. KINGSBURY, | Died | in the service of his |
country, at | Beaufort, N. C. | Mar. 1st, 1863, | Æt. 20 y'rs
8 mo's.

William Hooper was b. July 3, 1842, son of William Deming and Eliza (Reynolds) Kingsbury, who were m. Dec. 1, 1839 (int. Nov. 2). William H. served in Company C, 43d Regiment Mass. Vols.

On April 21, 1799, William Deming son of Moses and Lucy Kingsbury was bapt. (West Ch. Rec.)

326 (Back.)

EDWARD W. | son of | Daniel & M. Jane | Morse, | Died Aug.
17, 1859, | Æt. 9 y'rs. 4 mo's, | 21 days.

Edward Warren was b. Mar. 26, 1850. Daniel Morse, Jr., m. Apr. 13, 1837 (int. Mar. 25), Mehitable Jane Fuller, and they are buried in this lot, where are the graves of two infants, probably their grand-children. Daniel was on the West Precinct committee 1837-42, '51, '59, '60, '66, moderator of its meetings 1851, '55, treasurer of the West Church January 26, 1853-March 11, 1857, deacon April 10, 1861-February 26, 1870, precinct assessor 1867-69, town assessor 1860. He is called "Jr." for some years in the records. Daniel, presumably the elder, was on the West Precinct committee 1834, and Lieut. *David* 1805-15, moderator of its meetings in 1802, '05, '06, '11, '13, '14. Morse's Pond is a beautiful sheet of water, west of Lake Waban, and connected with it by a brook. Bullard's (Waban) Brook runs into Charles River. The area of Morse's Pond is 38 acres according to a public document, but a survey is now in progress, at the expense of the town of Wellesley, and one of the surveyors states that a rough plan of Morse's Pond shows an area of only 27 acres.

327-331

S

(East face of a monument.)

ALBERT SMITH | 1810-1842
 EMILY KINGSBURY | WIFE OF | ALBERT SMITH |
 1812-1881
 SMITH

(South face.)

EUNICE SMITH | 1786-1861
 SUSAN M. SMITH | 1836-1867

(West face.)

LAURA | AGED 2 YRS.

For an account of Albert see 106 (gravestone).

Emily was b. Nov. 1, 1812, dau. of 318 and 319.

For Eunice see 107 (gravestone).

Susan Maria was b. Feb. 16, 1835, dau. of 327 and 328.
 She was bapt. June 7, 1835. (West Ch. Rec.)

332

My home is yonder.

(Wreath enclosing a right hand with the forefinger pointing to a star.)

JOHN TENNEY | DIED | Dec. 2, 1854, | Æt. 45 yrs. 6 mos.

He rests in hope.

He was b. in Groton, N. H., son of Benjamin and Betsey
 Tenney.

333-334

J. VALENTINE TENNEY, | died | Mar. 14, 1860, | aged 22 yrs.
 6 ms. 4 dys.

EMILY P. TENNEY, | died | Oct. 18, 1865, | aged 26 yrs.
 1 mo. 21 dys.

J. Valentine was b. in Rumney, N. H., son of 332 and
 Philena. Emily P. was 25 yrs., 1 mo., 20 dys., and was b. in
 Boston, dau. of 332 and Philena. (T. Rec.)

335 CHARLES A. | son of | Royal A. & | Belinda Townsend, |
died July 14, 1849. | aged 12 years.

Mrs. Linda Townsend was admitted to the West Church
September 7, 1862, and had been dismissed for that purpose
from the Second Presbyterian Church of Wolcott, N. Y.

336-337

ELIZABETH D. WINCH | Died Aug. 4, 1885 | Aged 79 years |
5 months 28 days | formerly the wife of | SAMUEL WARE |
of Bangor Me. | who died May 28, 1843 | Aged 39 years |
11 months 6 days

Samuel was b. June 22, 1803, son of Luther and 122, m.
Mar. 27, 1825 (int. Mar. 25), Elizabeth Drewry Smith, who
was b. Feb. 7, 1806, dau. of Luther and Hannah Smith.

338

SACRED | to the memory of | ELIZABETH R, WARE | who died
Aug. 1, 1847. | Aged 21 yrs.

erected as a token of respectful and | affectionate remembrance by her |
youthful friends.

*Peace to thy spirit youthful maiden,
And peaceful be thy lowly rest,
With love's pure offering we've come laden,
And with sad hearts by grief oppress'd,

To rear this stone and place this willow,
Where angels guard thy sweet repose.
And far above thy lowly pillow
We now have come to plant the rose.

Oft as the tree bears fruit in heaven,
May it here bloom to tell of thee.
The stone so pure, so spotless even,
The blushing rose thine emblem be.*

She was b. in Needham, dau. of 336 and 337.

The stones in memory of these Wares were doubtless
formerly in the old graveyard. It will be noticed that there
are modern monuments in Woodlawn Cemetery on which are
inscribed names of persons who died long ago.

339

(East face of a monument.)

SARAH FRANCES, | DAUGHTER OF | DEA. REUEL &
HANNAH | WARE, | DIED OCT. 1, 1853, | AGED
16 YEARS | & 11 MONTHS.

Sarah F. was b. Oct. 13, 1836.

Reuel Ware, brother of 114, 121, and of Capt. Reuben Ware, was b. Sept. 24, 1794, presented for baptism by his mother May 7, 1797, d. Aug. 15, 1882. He was surveyor of highways 1820, '24, '25, hogreave 1825-27, one of the inspecting school committee 1830, selectman 1836-38, prudential school committee 1840.

In 1825 Capt. "Ruel" Ware was on the committee of ten to consider the division of the town. He was treasurer of the West Church August 5, 1833-January 19, 1848, on the West Precinct committee 1835-37, '44, '45, moderator of a meeting of the precinct 1844, and was one of the first deacons of the church organized at Grantville, February 24, 1847.

He m. May 20, 1824 (int. Apr. 17), Hannah dau. of Royal and Elizabeth (Dewing) McIntosh. (Need. Ephs., p. 30.) She d. May 1, 1875, aged 77. The names of Dea. Reuel Ware and his wife are on the north face of this monument.

On p. 64 is the statement that Capt. Reuben Ware was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, but it is apparently incorrect.

340-341

(North face of a monument.)

IN MEMORIAM | CAPT. JOHN WHITE | 1815-1854.
WHITE

(South face.)

JULIET | 1846-1847.

There are other names on this monument, which is a new one.

Juliet was dau. of John and Julie White.



EPITAPHS

FROM THE

OLD GRAVEYARD IN NORTH NATICK

IN October and November, 1897, I copied all the inscriptions in this graveyard of an earlier date than 1846, or that related to persons born prior to 1800. Many citizens of Needham were buried here. For biographical items I acknowledge indebtedness to the writings of Mr. Horace Mann of Natick. In the last century the town of Needham extended nearly to Lake Cochituate, but in 1797 "The Leg," which included 1656 acres of land, was annexed to Natick, and 404½ acres and also Bullard's Pond, now Lake Waban, were taken from Natick and given to Needham. For a list of men thus made citizens of Needham see the Laws and Resolves for 1797, chapter 22.

I have thought it best to print all the older epitaphs in this graveyard, although here are buried a considerable number of persons never identified with Needham. From William Bigelow's sketch of Natick, which gives an interesting account of the old burial places, including those of the Indians, I learn that in 1830 there were forty-three grave-stones in the North Burying Ground.

342

(Willow and urn.)

ELIZABETH, | *wife of* | *Jonathan Dunn*, | died | Aug. 14, 1841, |
Æt. 85.

343

(Willow and urn.)

IN | Memory of | MR. JONAS DUNN | who died | Sept. 18, 1824 : |
Æt. 78.

He lived at "Needham End," and April 19, 1775, was a private in Capt. Aaron Smith's company. There is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave.

Horace Mann's article in the Needham Recorder for August 31, 1895, contains some information as to the Dunns.

344 In | memory of | Mr Lot Dun who died | Oct^r 24th 1794
Ætatis 24.

*Move swiftly on ye wheels of time,
Let nature speed away ;
Fast as you bring the night of death
Ye bring eternal day.*

345 ANN DUNN | BORN | SEPT. 12, 1799. | DIED NOV. 2,
1872.

346 BETSEY DUNN | BORN | APRIL 20, 1787, | DIED
FEB. 20, 1869.

347

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | To the Memory of | MR. JONAS DUNN JR. | who died |
May 13, 1817 : | Æt. 37.

*My tender Wife don't mourn for me,
Tis here my earthly sorrows end ;
Prepare yourself in youthfull day,
In silence here to meet your friend.*

348

(Cherub's head and wings.)

In memory of | Captain William Faris | who died May 5th 1789 : |
aged 88 years.

*Prepare me Lord for thy right hand,
Then come the joyful day,
Come death & some Celestial band,
And bear my Soul away.*

This stone is in the wall close to the sidewalk.

He was a captain-lieutenant in Shirley's regiment in 1745, and saw service in 1749 and 1759. Retired as a half pay officer, he lived for a time at West Cambridge, and then removed to "Needham Leg" where he held the office of justice of the peace. During the Revolution he was an object of suspicion, and is said to have replied to the Natick committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, "I will not give anything against my Country and my King." The Needham Recorder for August 24, 1895, contains a brief account of his negro slaves, written by Mr. Mann. Capt. Faris was a staunch Episcopalian. The house in which he lived, built in 1761, is now owned by Henry Rose.

Capt. Faris had a son William who was a selectman of Needham 1796, '97 (two years), and was later prominent in Natick. In 1791 and '96 William Farris was on the committee of the West Precinct. Farris is the form of spelling now in use.

349

(Cherub's head and wings.)

In memory of | M^{rs} Jane Cope | who departed this life | Dec^r 26th
1781 : in the 71st | year of her age

*Here mixt with Earth, her ashes must remain,
Till death shall die, and mortals rise again.*

This stone is in the wall next to that of Capt. Faris.

She was the dau. of — Pettishall of Boston, and widow of Brigadier General Sir Henry Cope, who had been lieutenant colonel of the five hundred Massachusetts men in the Havana expedition, and was killed at the siege of Carthage in 1745. She had the pension of a brigadier general's widow.

350

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | MISS BETCY DRURY, | daughter of Samuel &
Elizabeth | who died April 29. 1792. Æ; 2 | Years and 9 Mon.

*Weep not dear friends dry up your tears,
I must lie here till CHRIST appears.*

351

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | MISS NANCY DRURY, | daughter of Samuel &
Eliza | beth Drury, who died Oct.^r | 19, 1810, Æt. 19 Years
& 8 Mon.

*Long time I mour'd with pain oppress,
Till JESUS did me call:
To come to his eternal rest.
Which makes amends for all.*

352

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | M^r. SAMUEL DRURY | who died Jan^y 22, 1805, |
Æt. 47 Years.

*When you do read these lines,
I hope you will bear it in your minds;
How instantly that I did die:
And went into ETERNITY.*

The Drurys were residents of "The Leg." In 1771 *Joseph* was killed by a fall of a temporary building at his coal pits. He was b. in Sudbury, Dec. 19, 1720, son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Eames) Drury, removed to Natick (Temple's History of Framingham), and in 1745 remodelled the house, raised August 9, 1738, which he had bought with the Isaac Underwood farm. This house is now, or was recently, owned by Deacon W. A. Wight.

The antipedobaptists used to meet at Joseph Drury's. His son *Ephraim* graduated at Harvard College in 1776, studied medicine, and d. in 1778. *Joseph*, of this family, was a corporal in Capt. Aaron Smith's company April 19, 1775. Between 1745 and 1855 four of the Drurys served as selectmen of Natick, and one, Capt. *Asa*, was a member of the first school committee elected in that town, which was in the year 1797.

353

(Willow and urn.)

MRS. ELIZABETH, | wife of | Samuel Drury, | died | Nov. 18,
1835, | Æt. 83.

354

MEMENTO MORI

(Cherub's head and wings.)

In Memory of | Mr. MOSES FISK | who died *Feb?* | y^e 18th 1770, |
Ætatis | 57.

He was b. in Sherborn, Jan. 29, 1713, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Adams) Fisk. Removed from Needham to Natick, but is said to have died in Needham. He was a warden in Needham in 1764, and was later prominent in Natick; select-man, etc., there.

355

MEMENTO MORI

(Cherub's head and wings.)

IN Memory of | Mrs MEHETABLE FISK | y^e *Wife of* | Mr
MOSES FISK | she died Feb^y 13th, | 1773, | Ætatis | 53.

She was b. Apr. 6, 1720, dau. of Hezekiah and Abigail Broad, m. Moses Fisk Apr. 11, 1745. (Need. T. Rec.)

356 HEZEKIAH; | *Son of Mr Moscs* | & *Mrs* | *MEHETA-*
BLE | *FISK*, | died Aug^t 24th, | 1757, Aged 8 | Months &
18 Day.

357 IN | memory of | M^{rs} Sarah Fisk, | *Wife of Mr Moses Fisk*; |
who died January 20-1800: | Ætatis 55.

*Friend quit this Stone & look above the skies.
The dust lies here but virtue never dies.*

She is said to have been a widow Stone when she m. Moses Fisk.

358

(Willow and urn.)

IN memory of | MR MOSES FISK, | who died Oct. 2, 1810: | Æt. 65.

*Death like a tyrant bore me down,
I was with pain oppress.
Prepare for death while you have time,
And be forever blest.*

He was b. in Natick, 1746, son of 354 and 355. Moses was a warden in Needham 1772, '73 (two years), "Done a turn"

in the army and received £7 for his services from Needham. (T. Rec., Vol. III, p. 155.) There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. He was highway surveyor 1776, '87, '89, '92, fence viewer 1784, assessor 1787, selectman 1789.

In 1780 he was on a committee "to Consider the Constitution of Government," and in 1792 one of six "to join with the Selectmen to provide Hospitals and regulate the Same." In 1794 and '95 he was on a committee to provide teachers, West End district, and also district school committee 1791-94, '97. In 1794 he was on the committee in reference to "an allowance being made to those men that are Drafted as minute men," and in 1795 on that "to Build new School house where they are needed." In 1796 he was on a similar committee and also on one "to ascertain what each Proprietors right is in the School Houses," representing "Needham End." He is said in Temple's History of Framingham to have lived there at one time. The births of four of his children are recorded in Needham. The Morse house in Natick, now owned by Elbridge Leland, was built in 1708, and was once the home of Moses Fisk. When the territory in which he lived was annexed to Natick in 1797 he became a leading citizen of that town.

359

(Wreath and clover leaves.)

IN | Memory of | Cap^t Joshua Fisk, | who departed this life | March
27, 1796 | Aged 48.

He was b. in Natick, son of 354 and 355. There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. He lived in Natick, and was selectman, etc., there. He was in office in 1778.

360

(Wreath and trefoil.)

IN Memory of | MRS. MARTHA FISK, | wife of Cap^t Joshua Fisk, |
who died April 1, 1796 | Aged 45.

*For both their Parents dead the orphans mourn
With anguish keen the filial breast is torn;
Yet at this thought let peace & comfort rise,
They'll meet in realms of bliss above the skies.*

Joshua Fisk and Martha Smith were m. Mar. 24, 1774,
both of Needham. (T. and Ch. Recs.)

361 (Wreath and trefoil.)

IN Memor of | Hitty Fisk, | *Daugr of Cap^t Joshua* | & Mrs
Martha Fisk, | who died Dec^r 15, 1775 | Aged 7 months.

*See the dear youth just enter d life
Bud forth like flowers in may
Stay just long enough to seal our hearts.
Then smile and die away.*

362 (Wreath and trefoil.)

IN | Memory of | Hannah Fisk, | *Daugr of Cap^t Joshua* | & Mrs
Martha Fisk, who | died Nov^r 18, 1790 | Aged 4.

For an account of her tragic death from a gun-shot see
Bacon's History of Natick, which however gives the date as
1796.

363 (Wreath and trefoil.)

IN Memory of | Martha Fisk | *Daugr of Cap^t Joshua* & | Mrs
Martha Fisk, | who died Oct^r 5, 1790 | Aged 10

This stone is broken.

364 (Wreath and trefoil.)

IN | Memory of | Olive Fisk, | *Daugr of Cap^t Joshua* | & Mrs
Martha Fisk, | who died Sept^r 22, 1790 | Aged 2.

365 (Willow and urn.)

SACRED | to the memory of | MR. DAVID FISK, | who di^d at
Quebec | Nov. 11, 1809, | Æt. 24.

*A fatal malady thine eyelids clos'd
In strangers earth thy body was repos'd.
Yet here we raise this monumental stone,
To speak thy death where all thy life was
known.*

It is said that he was b. in Natick, Mar. 8, 1785, son of
359 and 360.

366

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | to the memory of | MR. JOSEPH FISK, | who died | Aug.
14, 1816. | Æt. 29.

*Stop here my friends & shed a tear
Think on the dust that shrouds here,
And when you read this date of me
Think on the glass that runs for thee.*

It is said that he was b. in Natick, Dec. 19, 1787, and d. in Bellingham, son of 359 and 360.

367 William Hammond | Son of William & Kezia | Hammond. |
died June 15th 1783, | Aged 9 Years, 8 Mont & 11 Days.

*Blessed are the sufferers who partake
of pain and shame for Jesus sake
Their Souls shall triumph in the Lord
Glory and Joy are their reward.*

368

(Willow and urn.)

MR. | WILLIAM HAMMOND | died June 16, 1816, | Æt. 77.

*Weep not my friends, dry up your tears,
I must lie here till Christ appears,
And at his coming, hope to have
A glorious rising from the grave.*

There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. He came to Natick in 1761. (H. Mann.)

369

(Willow and urn.)

MRS. KEZIA, | wife of | William Hammond, | died June 1, 1826, |
Æt. 80.

*O peaceful grave, receive this clay,
And keep it till the glorious day,
When our Grand Master bids arise,
And join the lodge above the skies.*

370

Look to Jesus.

(Hand pointing upward.)

EDWARD HAMMOND | DIED June 12, 1851, | Aged 83 y'rs.

*Gone to thy peaceful rest,
For thee we need not weep.*

He, or his son *Edward*, was selectman of Natick, as was his son *Thomas F.*

The Hammonds are a long-lived family. *Edward*, son of 370 and 371, lived to be 92, their son *Thomas F.* to be 83, and their dau. *Lydia* b. in Natick, 1787, m. *Jonathan Bacon* and d. in Sudbury, aged 102 yrs., 3 mos., 27 dys. Two sisters of *Mrs. Bacon* were living a few years since and were very aged. See also 373. Another son, *John*, b. 1807, was a noted fifer, lived in Framingham, and d. there a few years since. There was an obituary notice of him by *Horace Mann*, which described his talents, published presumably in the "Natick Citizen." The clipping I have read, but there is nothing to indicate the paper. If *Lydia* (Hammond) *Bacon* was b. in 1787, and was dau. of 370 and 371, her parents were married very young. The particulars as to the Hammonds are from a letter of *Mr. Mann*.

371

GOD IS LOVE

(Riblon, hand extended.)

MRS. BEULAH, | wife of | *Edward Hammond*, | died Feb. 10,
1846. | Æt. 78.

*Farewell loved Mother from care set free,
No more shall pain thy bosom swell,
Nor friendship throw her arm around thee,
For thou art gone; gone home to dwell.
Sleep Mother I would not awake thee,
Or call thy spirit from its rest,
For Jesus called thee home to be,
A ransomed one among the blest.*

Beulah Gay was dau. of 372.

372

(Willow and urn.)

MRS LYDIA, | wife of *Mr. Jeremiah Gay* | died | April 12, 1837, |
aged 103 years.

Robert and *Dorothy Ware* had a dau. *Lydia* b. in Needham, Sept. 9, 1742 (Need. T. Rec.), and according to the *Ware Genealogy* she m. in Fitchburg, Dec. 26, 1765, *Jere-*

miah Gay. If the Needham record refers to 372, she was in her 95th year in 1837.

Mr. Mann wrote of her that her hair which had been white was returning to its original color, black, in her last years. She left many descendants, including two great-great-grandchildren.

373 RICHARD HAMMOND | DIED | Apr. 12, 1885, | *Æ*.
85 yrs. 8 mos.

He was son of 370 and 371.

374 MARCY W. | wife of | Richard Hammond, | died | Aug. 30,
1868, | *Æt.* 71.

*Dear Mother gone to world on high,
Where saints are blessed above the sky,
To dwell with Jesus, that dear friend.*

375 HENRY, | Son of Richard & Marcy | HAMMOND | died
Apr. 11, 1840, | *Æt.* 3 ys. 4 ds.

376 (Skull and wings.)

Here lies y^e Body of | ISAAC BACON son of | M^r HENRY & M^{rs}
HANNAH | BACON died march 7th | 1769 Aged 3 Years. |
ten months & 7 Days.

Our life is ever on the wing
and Death is ever nigh
the moment when our lives begin
we all begin to Die.

Henry Bacon's house, now owned by Mr. Leadbetter, was built in 1755, and he d. at Natick in 1811, aged 88 yrs. (H. Mann.) In 1759 *Henry, Daniel* and *Stephen, Jr.*, were required to furnish substitutes for the war or pay £8, £4 and £4 respectively. They paid the money. (Need. T. Rec.)

These Bacons were Needham people until "The Leg" was annexed to Natick in 1797. *Oliver, Asa* and *John* (apparently not identical with Capt. John) lived in the territory given to Needham and taken from Natick in 1797.

Stephen's house, built in 1705, is, or was recently, owned by Madison Loring. Stephen, Jr., d. at Digby, Nova Scotia, in 1804, aged 91 yrs., and in 1879 two of his sons were living aged 89 and 92 respectively. (H. Mann.) For service of Stephen, Jr., in the Revolution see Mass. S. and S. in Rev. For accounts of the Bacon family see Horace Mann's articles, some of them signed "Quincy," in the Needham Recorder for August 24 and 31, 1895, April 18 and 25, 1896.

377

(Two blades of wheat crossed.)

MRS | ZERUIAH BACON | died | Oct. 24, 1839, | Æt. 91.

She was dau. of Joseph and Lydia (Fuller) Drury, m. in Needham, Nov. 27, 1766 (T. and Ch. Recs.), John Bacon, Jr., but was obliged to support herself, which she did until 1835 by carrying produce on horseback to Boston and selling it to well-to-do families there.

Lydia Fuller, mother of Mrs. Bacon, was b. on the old Fuller homestead in Newton, formerly owned by Brigadier General William Hull, U. S. A., and now by the Honorable William Claflin. She m. firstly, Ephraim Willard, who was a trumpeter in Prescott's company and was killed at the attempted landing at the Isle of Teneriffe, July 29, 1741. Mr. Willard was a blacksmith, and removed from Newton Lower Falls to Attleborough, where four of their children were born.

The widow, Lydia (Fuller), was a teacher in Sherborn, removed to "Needham Leg" in 1756 and taught school there and in Natick. She m. Joseph Drury in 1744, but continued a noted "school dame." She was a devout Baptist, and d. in Marlborough in 1796. Horace Mann had a needle-book made by Mrs. Willard while she was a widow residing in Attleborough.

At the east side of the grave of 377 is a bronze S. A. R. marker, presumably placed there in memory of her husband,

Capt. *John* Bacon, who saw much service in the Revolution, but is said to have d. in Vermont, in 1835, aged 90.

He was son of Lieut. John and Abigail (Sawin) Bacon. Abigail was b. in Sherborn, 1724, and was dau. of Lieut. John and Joanna (Lyon) Sawin.

Capt. John was on the committee December 27, 1780, "to hire the men that are Now Called for," and January, 1781, he was on a similar committee. In May, 1780, he was on the committee "to Consider the Constitution of Government." He was moderator of no less than fourteen meetings of the West Precinct 1791-97.

For his military service see Year-book S. A. R., 1897.

Submit, dau. of Capt. John and 377, was accidentally burned to death at Natick, 1863, aged 93 years.

378 SACRED | to the memory of | M^r JONATHAN BACON, |
who died February 17, 1844; | aged 84 years.

Prepare for death & follow me.

There is an S. A. R. marker on his grave. For his military service see Mass. S. and S. in Rev. He is said to have been son of Lieut. John Bacon. (See 377.)

On May 9, 1796, he was chosen to represent his school district on two committees, viz., "for building & repairing School Houses," and "to ascertain what each Proprietors right is in the School Houses." He was one of the West End district school committee 1797, and *Jonathan, Jr.*, was a surveyor of highways that year.

379 SACRED | To the memory of | MITTA, | *wife of* | Jonathan Bacon, | Born July 19, 1771, | Died Jan. 20, 1865.

*"Watch; for ye know not what hour
your Lord doth come."*

Jonathan Bacon and Submit Bacon were m. in Needham, Dec. 25, 1788.

380

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MR. AMASA BACON, | who died | May 3, 1834, |
Æt. 69.

381 JOHN BACON. | Born Nov. 14, 1789, | Died Oct. 8, 1851.

*"As we have borne the image of
the earthly, we shall also bear
the image of the heavenly."*

He was b. in Needham, son of 378 and 379.

381a LUCY SAWIN, | wife of | JOHN BACON, | Born Mar.
6, 1791. | Died Apr. 1, 1865.

*Looking unto Jesus the author
and finisher of our faith.*

382 GEORGE ASHLEY | son of John & | Lucy S. Bacon, | died
April 8, 1840, | aged 5 years.

383 LUCY ANN, | daughter of | John & Lucy S. Bacon, | died
Feb. 11, 1847, | aged 27 years.

"Be ye also ready."

384 EBENEZER BACON, | DIED | Sept. 27, 1847, | aged 67
yrs.

Farewell my bosom friend.

385 MARY BACON | died | April 22, 1872, | Æt. 85.

Thou art not forgotten.

Samuel Bacon was a petitioner for the incorporation of the town in 1710, fence viewer 1718, constable 1719.

Lieut. *John*, mentioned in 377 and 378, was selectman and assessor 1771, and was killed at West Cambridge, while first lieutenant of the Needham minute men, April 19, 1775, and was buried there. See the History of Norfolk County, 1884, p. 520, and the History and Directory of Needham, 1888-89, p. 29.

He had as many as six sons who served in the war, viz., Capt. John (377), *Moses*, *Timothy*, d. in Westminster, 1839,

aged 90, *Hezekiah*, Jonathan (378) and *David*. For military service of Lieut. John see Mass. S. and S. in Rev., and the Year-book of the S. A. R., 1897, p. 168.

Ensign John was excused from serving as warden in 1764.

For military service of Moses see Mass. S. and S. in Rev., and also for service of *Michael* and other Bacons.

On April 19, 1775, Sergt. John (377), *Isaac*, Stephen, Jr. (376), Timothy and Moses were in the West Company.

After the Revolution four of the sons of Lieut. John owned together 400 acres of land in "The Leg."

Stephen Bacon of Needham and Martha Ingles of Weston were published (intention of marriage) Jan. 9, 1784. (Weston T. Rec.) Stephen was selectman in 1781.

In 1797 Moses was a surveyor of bread, and *Ephraim* was a fence viewer in 1802, '05, '06, surveyor of wood 1805, '06. *John* was on the West Precinct committee 1809-13. *Ralph* was a hogreave in 1820. Bacon's Brook is in Natick.

From 1745-1855 four of the Bacons served as town clerks of Natick, and seven as selectmen, including sons and grandsons of Lieut. John and Abigail (Sawin) Bacon. Thomas Sawin was the first white settler in Natick. Jonathan Bacon represented Natick in the Constitutional Convention of 1820.

386 In Mem^y of Mifs | Mary Oliver who | died Nov^r 15th | 1779,
Aged | 20 Years.

*Death is a debt to nature due,
As I have paid it so must You.
Depart my friends dry up your tears
Here I must lie till Christ appears.*

387 (Skull and wings.)

Here lies the Body of | M^r JOHN UNDERWOOD | died June 22^d
1754 | Aged 78 Years | 3 months & 16 Days.

Death may disolve my Body now
And bare my Spirit home.
Why do my minutes move so slow,
And my Salvation come.

He bought his farm of Bent in 1714, built the house in 1716, was selectman and assessor 1736, and the births of seven of his children are recorded in Needham. The house is, or was, owned by the heirs of John Bacon, 3d.

Isaac was assessor in 1764, elected selectman and assessor 1772, and declined. Isaac was sergeant of the Needham minute men April 19, 1775, and captain in the 1st Suffolk Regiment of militia 1782.

Isaac Underwood and Grace Greenwood were m. Mar. 30, 1780. (T. and Ch. Recs.) Apparently there was more than one Isaac. There was a selectman of that name in Natick. For some account of the Underwood family see Horace Mann's article in the Needham Recorder for August 24, 1895.

388

(Skull and wings.)

Here lies the Body of | M^{rs} ABIGAIL UNDERWOOD | Wife of M^r |
JOHN UNDERWOOD | died March 19th 1755 | Aged 70 Years. |
3 months & 2 Days.

Arise my soul & thou my voice
in songs of praise early Rejoyce
O great Creator heavenly King
thy praises let me ever Sing.

She was dau. of Hopestill and Elizabeth (Brown) Bent. Hopestill owned land in "The Leg" and was taxed in Needham 1712.

389

(Death's head and wings.)

Here Lies Buried the | Body of M^r TIMOTHY | SPARROWK
who died | May y^e 5th 1754, in y^e | 37th Year of his Age

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
I prepare for death and follow me.

390

(Willow and urn.)

MRS. MARTHA, | *Relict of* | Edward Parker, | & daughter of |
Beriah Sparrowk, | died Dec. 14, 1845, Æt. 68.

391

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MISS | DOROTHY HALL, | who died | Sept. 14, 1829. |
Æt. 72.

*Death cannot make my soul afraid,
If God be with me there ;
Soft is the passage through the shade,
And all the prospect fair.*

She was a noted school teacher. Josiah Hall of Wrentham and Dorothy Ware of Needham were m. July 4, 1792, by the Rev. Benjamin Caryl. Mrs. Dorothy (Ware) Hall was b. in Needham, May 16, 1752, dau. of 110 and sister of 112. She d. in 1815. (Ware Gen.)

The name of Hall occurs somewhat frequently in the records of the town during the last half of the eighteenth century. For some particulars as to Dorothy Hall and the Hall family see Horace Mann's article in the Needham Recorder for August 24, 1895.

David was a minute man from Needham April 19, 1775, and was collector for the West Precinct in 1776 (before it had a legal existence).

Thomas was a corporal of the Needham minute men April 19, 1775, and was collector for the West Precinct 1780, on its committee 1782-84, and moderator of one of its meetings in 1786.

392

(Skull and wings.)

Here lyes y^e Body of | WILLIAM GOODENOW | Son of Capt JOHN &
M^{rs} | RUTH GOODENOW | Who died May 26, 1744 | Aged
13 Years & 7 M^o

William was b. in Needham, Jan. 11, 1731. Capt. John Goodenow had Rice's 250 acre farm; house built 1714, and now owned by H. B. Colburn. Capt. John m. Ruth, dau. of Isaac and Sybilla Rice, and grand-dau. of Matthew and Martha (Lamson) Rice. (Barry's Framingham.) Capt. John was selectman and assessor in Needham 1740, and John was later selectman of Natick, and two other Goodenows have held that office there and two have been town clerks.

Isaac enlisted in February, 1777, for service in Canada.

Isaac, Jr., was a Needham minute man April 19, 1775, and July 26, 1779, was on the committee "to Set what Some of money men Should have that go into the war for y^e Town of Needham when Called for the Ensuing year." January 29, 1781, he was one of the committee "to Procure the men that are Now Called for." He was collector for the West Precinct 1778.

On July 9, 1781, Capt. Isaac was on the committee of three to purchase the beef required of the town by the General Court. £220 hard money was appropriated for this purpose.

The previous year, October 29, 1780, Josiah Newell, Jr., Lieut. Silas Alden and Moses Mann were chosen a committee "to Procure the Beef Laid on Said town and Paft in the Affirmative."

On July 6, 1778, Isaac was one of the three men chosen as the first precinct committee of the West Precinct, and Lieut. Isaac served in 1779-81, and as moderator of one of its meetings in 1780. In 1778 Goodenow was designated as "Mr.," but in 1779 as Lieut. in the precinct records.

There are two very ancient Goodenow houses still standing in "The Leg." For some account of the Goodenow family see an article by Horace Mann in the Needham Recorder for August 17, 1895. "Needham Leg" or "Needham End" was the extreme western part of Needham, north of where the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company now are, and most of this territory, which extended nearly to Lake Cochituate, was annexed to Natick in 1797. The name "Leg" was presumably suggested by the shape of this part of the town, and it included the "West End" school district.

393

(Skull and wings.)

Here lyes y^e Body of | COLINGS GOODENOW | son of Cap^t JOHN &
M^r | RUTH GOODENOW | Who Died June 2^d 1744 | Aged

11 Years & 6 M^o

Colings was b. in Needham, Dec. 2, 1732.

He apparently had a brother *John*, as I find in the church record of baptisms "Oct : 3 : 1725 John, Son of John Goode-now." (Need.) "Collins" was bapt. Dec. 17, 1732. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

394

(Covered urn.)

Fanny Broad, | *daughter of Mr Moses & Mr Polly Broad*, | who died Oct: 15th | 1795, aged 4 years | 5 months, & 7 days.

*And lo! a voice from Heaven,
saying this is my beloved
Child in whom I am
well pleased.*

Unless she was a twin she is apparently identical with the child called Anna in the Needham records. See 395.

395

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MR. MOSES BROAD, | *died* June 30,
1837, | *Æt.* 68.

He was b. in Natick, May 1, 1769, son of Thomas and Abigail (Mann) Broad, and lived at one time in Needham, where he was a hogreave 1792, on the West district school committee 1793.

He m. Polly Travis of Natick, and his dau. Anna was b. in Needham, May 8, 1791; dau. Marian (Mary Ann) d. in Medway, aged 92.

In his topographical description of Needham the Rev. Stephen Palmer says that Broad's Pond (now Morse's) covers 16 acres. Hezekiah Broad, the first of the name in Needham, mentioned on p. 84, lived in 1720 at or near Broad's Hill in "The Leg," now in Natick. Major Hezekiah (p. 84) rendered much service in the Revolution, and acquired his title in the war. *Thomas* of Natick was also a soldier in the Revolution. In 1898 the town of Needham placed a bronze S. A. R. marker on the grave of Timothy (p. 84) who is buried in the old graveyard on Nehoiden street.

396

(Cherub's head and wings.)

*In memory of | Mr. Benjamin Ward, | who died March 31, 1789. | in
the 45th year of | his age.*

Jesus we come at thy command.

He was a Needham soldier in the War of the Revolution, and served near Boston in 1777 and 1778. *Samuel* was in the West Company April 19, 1775. Benjamin was highway surveyor 1775, '81, warden 1776, fence viewer 1782. Bacon in his History of Natick states that Benjamin Ward was killed by a yoke of unruly oxen in *October, 1789*. He was presumably either 396 or 397.

397 In memory of | Benjamin Ward, | Son of Mr. Benjⁿ & Mr^s
Mehitable | Ward. who died Aug^t 1st 1789. in | the 14th
year of his age.

*But howsoever fresh and fair,
Its morning beauty shows;
'Tis all cut down and wither'd quite,
Before the evening close.*

398

(Cherub's head and wings.)

IN memory of | Samuel Ward, Son of Mr | Benjⁿ & Mrs *Mehitable*
Ward; | who died March 30—1796; | in y^e 16th year
of his age.

*A pretty Rose, a Lilly green,
Yes beautiful as e'er was seen;
My Soul believes that he is blest.
And now in Heaven with the rest.*

399

AMOS WARD, | died | Aug. 19, 1852, | Æt. 74 yrs.

*Friends nor Physicians could not save,
My mortal body from the grave:
Nor can the grave confine me here,
When Christ in glory doth appear.*

He was bapt. by the Rev. Samuel West, Nov. 18, 1778.

Horace Mann has some account of the Ward family in the Needham Recorder for August 17, 1895.

400 LYDIA, | wife of Amos Ward, | died | April 4, 1826, | Æt.
52 yrs.

*Lo! where this silent marble weeps,
A wife a friend a mother sleeps;
A heart within whose sacred cell,
The peacefull virtues loved to dwell.*

401 (Willow.)

ARTIMUS | son of Mr. William | & Mrs. Eunice Ward | died | Mar.
7, 1823, | Æt. 11 mo.

*My little lovely blooming flower
Cut down & wither'd in an hour,
I do believe my child is blest,
And now is sleeping in Jesus breast.*

Artemas, brother of Benjamin who was killed by the unruly oxen, was drowned in the winter of 1815 near "Checkerberry Point" while crossing Lake Cochituate on the ice. (Bacon's History of Natick.)

402 (Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | M^{rs}. MARY HAYNES | who died March 9 | 1803,
Aged 64 Years.

I'm bless'd in th' embrace of death.

403 (Willow and urn.)

In memory of | CHARLES | Son of | Mr Daniel & | Mrs. Eliza-
beth Haynes. | who died | Nov. 2, 1804 : | Æt. 7 years.

*Behold here lies a blooming flower,
Cut down and wither'd in an hour,
Cut down just at the morning dawn.
And left his friends for him to mourn.*

Daniel Haynes lived at "Needham End" in 1798.

404 (Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | Capt. EPHRAIM JEN- | NINGS, who died | April 6,
1802. | Æt. 82.

On January 3, 1775, he was chosen one of the Committee of Inspection in Natick. He was then a lieutenant. At one time he was a selectman of Natick.

405

(Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | Mrs. SIBBEL JENNINGS, | *wife of* | *Capt. Ephraim*
Jen- | nings who died | Feb. 20, 1801. | *Æt. 77.*

She was a Rice. She and her husband were admitted to
 the Natick church February 26, 1743/4.

406 IN | memory of | Samuel Jennings, *Son of* | *Ephraim & Sib-*
bel Jennings : | who died Oct. 1 — 1751, in | the 8th year
 of his age.

*"A pretty rose, a pleasant flow'r
 Cut down & wither'd in an hour."*

He was bapt. Mar. 11, 1743/4. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

407 IN | mem^y of Ifaac Jennings, *Son* | *of Ephraim & Sibil* |
Jennings ; who died | Oct. 1751 the 12th day : | in the 5th
 year of his | age.

He was bapt. Mar. 15, 1746/7. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

408 IN | mem^y of | Eph^m Jennings, | *Son of Eph^m & Sibil* |
Jennings : who died | Oct. 13 1751 in the | 3^d year of his age

The child was b. Sept. 6, 1749. (Barry's Framingham.)

Bapt. Sept. 9, 1749. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

409 ETHEL JENNINGS, | DIED FEB. 16, 1847, | AGED 81
 YEARS.

He was b. Aug. 18, 1765, son of 404 and 405. (Barry.)

He was a hogreave 1813, surveyor of highways 1819, '28,
 31, '34, '36, on the South district school committee 1819,
 22, '24, tax collector "for 4½ cents on the dollars" 1821,
 also collector in 1834, one of the four men "chosen addi-
 tional Assessors" 1822, assessor 1823, tax collector for the
 First Parish 1822 and '23, compensation 3½% and 4%. He,
 or his son, was on the West Precinct committee 1831-35,
 '39-41. Ethel (409) was bapt. Sept. 29, 1765. (Natick Ch.
 Rec.)

His son *Ethel* was the father of *George* b. Sept. 3, 1817,
 who was a prominent citizen of Needham, active and versa-
 tile in business, held many public positions, and settled many

estates. George was assessor 1855, '56, justice of the peace, tax collector 1858-64, and perhaps earlier. He d. in Needham, May 3, 1874. He was bapt. Oct. 19, 1817. (West Ch. Rec.) The remains of Ethel Jennings and those of his wife Abigail (56) were removed to the Jennings lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, but her gravestone was left in the old graveyard for some time after. A small pond in Natick south of the turnpike, and not far from the Wellesley line, is named Jennings Pond.

Albert, son of George, was the first treasurer of the town of Wellesley, elected 1881, and is still in office. He was clerk of the Wellesley Congregational Society 1890, '91, deacon of the church 1890-97, and since 1891 a member of its executive committee. *Julia Frances*, dau. of George, has been for many years the librarian of the Wellesley Free Library.

410 ZERUIAH, | WIFE OF ETHEL JENNINGS, | DIED
MARCH 3, 1850, | AGED 84 YEARS.

411 (Willow and urn.)

MR. EPHRAIM JENNINGS | died July 8, 1843, | Æt. 48.

*Farewell dearest friend; farewell,
Here thy loss, we deeply feel.*

412 LUCY GOODHUE | WIFE OF | EPHRAIM JEN-
NINGS | Aug. 3, 1801, | Aug. 29, 1883.

Ephraim Jennings of Natick and Lucy G. Pierce were m. in Needham, Jan. 9, 1823 (int. Dec. 18, 1822). She was b. in Needham, Aug. 3, 1801.

413-414 (Willow and urn.)

In memory of | CAPT. JOHN FELCH, | *of Natick who fell in the*
Battle at White Plain in | the revolutionary war, | Oct. 28,
1776, | Æt. 47.

MRS. MARY FELCH, | his wife | died Aug. 26, 1813, | Æt. 76.

There is an S. A. R. marker in his memory. He was son of Ebenezer, the first white deacon of the church at Natick

founded by John Eliot, elected April 29, 1731, and was bapt. Apr. 27, 1729, by Rev. Mr. Williams of Weston. (Natick Ch. Rec.) In 1745 *Eben* [Felch] was chosen clerk of the proprietors of Natick, and served fifteen years. He was also a selectman, as were *John* and *Isaac*. John was a member of the first school committee of Natick, 1797.

415

(Willow and urn.)

MR. | JOHN FELCH | died Mar. 6, 1830, | Æt. 70.

He lived at "Needham End" in 1798, the year after the annexation to Natick, and probably had been a resident there previously.

416

(Willow and urn.)

MRS. | HANNAH, | wife of John Felch, | died | Sept. 9, 1844, |
Æt. 81.

417

(Willow and urn.)

MR. | ASA FELCH | died Mar. 21, 1846, | Æt. 77.

"The righteous hath hope in his death."

He held minor town offices in Needham, and in 1812 was a prominent Methodist attending the church in "The Hundreds."

418

(Willow and urn.)

MRS. LOVINA | wife of | Mr. Asa Felch, | died | June 29, 1840, |
in her 72, yr.

*My soul, this curious house of clay,
This present frail abode,
Must quickly fall to worms, a prey
And thou, return to God.*

She is called Vinea in the Needham records.

419

(Willow and urn.)

MR. | JOHN L. FELCH | died | May 22, 1847, | Æt. 52.

John was b. in Needham, May 6, 1794, son of Asa and Vinea Felch. (Need. T. Rec.)

420

(Willow and urn.)

MR. LEVI FELCH | died Sept. 19, 1861, | Æt. 88 yrs. 3 mo. 11 d's.

*Thy long life is ended,
And thou dost rest from thy labors;
We thy friends will not forget thee,
And when life's journey with us is past,
We hope to meet thee in heaven.*

421

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MRS. PATTY, | *wife of Mr. Levi Felch,* | *who died* |
Nov. 13, 1828; | Æt. 48.

*Stop, traveller, and drop a tear,
Think on the dust that slumbers here;
And when you read this date of me,
Think on the glass that runs for thee.*

422-423

NANCY, | wife of | Asa Felch, | died Sept. 8, 1828, | Æt. 26 yrs.

*The once loved form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs:
And nature weeps and comforts fled;
And wither'd all her joys.*

NANCY, | dau. of Asa & Nancy Felch, | died Sept. 15, 1828, |
Æt. 3 weeks.

Budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

424 MARY H. | *dau. of* | *Asa & Ellen* | *Felch, died* | *June 12,*
1842, | Æt. 4 yrs. 2 ms.

*O, far above, where angels dwell;
He liveth with our child, tis well:
Then mourn not for this cherished flower,
Now blooming in a fairer bower.*

425

(Willow and urn.)

SACRED | *To the Memory of* | MISS HANNAH WASHBURN, | *who*
died | July 2, 1828: | Æt. 81.

*With patience Lord I bore thy hand,
'Till death hath set me free;
Resign'd my breath at thy command,
Hoping to dwell with Thee.*

426

(Willow and urn.)

SUSANNA, | widow of | *Mr. Lot Jennison*, | died | Oct. 16, 1841, |
in her 92, year.

"Ther's rest in Heaven."

Lot Jennison of Hillsboro and Susanna Coolidge were m. in Weston, Nov. 30, 1773, by the Rev. Samuel Woodward. (Weston T. Rec.)

According to Bond's Watertown she was b. Apr. 12, 1750, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Parker) Coolidge of Weston, who were m. Apr. 16, 1749. (Weston T. Rec.)

Lot Jennison and Lieut. Winsor Moulton built the Methodist church in "The Hundreds" more than ninety years ago.

The parents of Lot were Robert and Sibilla (Brintnall) Jennison, who were m. in Weston, Jan. 18, 1738/9. (Weston T. Rec.) Sibilla was dau. of Phineas and Sybilla (Rice) Brintnall, and grand-dau. of Matthew and Martha (Lamson) Rice. (Barry.) See 392.

Robert Jennison was a noted house builder, and kept a journal or note book now extant. He got by his marriage lands which an ancestor had lost in a law suit with Matthew Rice. See article by Horace Mann in the Needham Recorder for October 5, 1895. Robert, or his descendant of the same name, was selectman of Natick. I have not the date.

Major *William* of Watertown was the ancestor of Robert and others, and the family owned much land in early times. Some of them lived in Needham. *Peter* was in the West Company April 19, 1775. *Nathan* was a Methodist, attending the church in "The Hundreds" in 1819, one of the thirteen hogreaves in Needham in 1815, and on the South district school committee 1824.

427

(Willow and urn.)

MR. ROBERT | JENNISON, | died | Feb. 24, 1841, | Æt. 57.

Prepare to meet thy God.

428 (Willow and urn.)

ARTHUR JENNISON | died | Dec. 8, 1868, | Æt. 76 yrs. 6 mos.

He rest in peace.

429 (Willow and urn between two monuments.)

MRS. | HANNAH F. | wife of | Arthur Jennison, | died July 23,
1849, | Æt. 64.

*And must we say to thee farewell,
Companion sons and daughters, too;
Those whom on earth thou loved'st so well
Must they all bid a long adieu?*

430 JOEL PIERCE, | Died Mar. 22, 1867, | Æt. 82 yrs.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

He was b. in Weston, Dec. 28, 1785, son of Joshua and Mary Peirce (Weston T. Rec.), and lived in Needham; and in 1812 was a leader among the Methodists attending the church in "The Hundreds." He was fence viewer 1813, '14.

The Needham branch of this family spell their surname Pierce. In the Weston records it is often Peirce, and in the Needham voting list for 1811 the name occurs four times and always as Peirce, but in 1844 both spellings were used in the voting list.

431 SARAH JENNISON, | wife of Joel Pierce, | Died Aug. 19,
1875, | Aged 96 yrs. | & 5 mos.

*For we which have believed
Do enter into Rest.*

432 (Willow and urn.)

REV. ISAAC JENNISON | died | Sept. 12, 1878, | Æt. 88 yrs. 5 ms.

*Gone to reap the reward of
the faithful.*

For an account of "Father" Isaac Jennison see Zion's Herald for September 15, 1878. He, Joel Pierce and Tyler Harrington were called the "Three Apostles," and were leaders at the meetings in the church in "The Hundreds."

The Rev. *Isaac Baldwin* [Jennison] was a grandson of Robert, and was for sixty years a Methodist preacher. Isaac was a selectman of Natick.

433 (Willow and urn.)

MRS. MARY, | wife of Rev. | Isaac Jennison, | died | Oct. 12,
1847, | Æt. 51.

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

434 (Willow and urn.)

JOHN WESLEY, | *Son of Isaac & | Mary Jennison*, | died |
March 15, 1830, | Æt. 2 ys. & 5 ms.

"Of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

435 (Willow and urn.)

REV. ISAAC | JENNISON JR. | *Member of the grad- | uating class,*
of the | Wesleyan University, | Middletown Conn. | died June
13, 1841. | Æt. 26.

"Gone but not lost."

436-437 (Willow and urn.)

MRS. HARRIET J. | wife of | Benjamin B. Willy, | died Feb. 23,
1848, | Æt. 24.

HERBURT L. | *their only child*, | died Feb. 19, 1848, | Æt. 22 mos.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

438 (Willow and urn.)

MISS MARTHA | MURDOUGH, | died | Sept. 29, 1829, |
Æt. 39.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The graves of 436-438 are in the lot with the Jennisons.

439 JOSEPH ROBERTS, | BORN | SEPT. 2, 1792, | DIED |
1867.

440 MARY, | wife of | Joseph Roberts, | died Aug. 11, 1848, |
Æt. 57 ys. 3 ms.

The intention of marriage of Joseph Roberts of Weston and Mary Felch of Natick was published Feb. 20, 1821. (Weston T. Rec.)

441 JOSEPH H. ROBERTS, | BORN FEB. 27. 1824, | DIED |
MAY 4, 1889.

442 MARTHA, | *Daughter of* | Joseph & Mary | ROBERTS, |
died Nov. 26, 1828, | Æt. 4 mos.

443 Thomas O. P. | Son of | Joseph & Mary | ROBERTS, |
died Aug. 24, 1847, | Æt. 1 yr. 10 ms.

444 (Willow and urn.)

In memory of | Mr. | SAMUEL COGGIN, | *who was suddenly*
killed be | *neath the wheel of his waggon* | Oct. 14, 1831, | Æt. 42.

Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not
what a day may bring forth.

The accident occurred in Watertown.

445 FAITHEE | wife of | Samuel Coggin, | DIED | Oct. 10,
1864, | Aged 63 y'rs.

446 (Willow.)

SAMUEL, | *son of Samuel &* | *Faithee Coggin,* | died | Oct. 13,
1832, | Æt. 5 ys. & 4 mo.

Farewell my dear and lovely child,
My young and tender flower ;
From thy parent, snatched away,
In an unexpected hour.

447 (Willow.)

ISAAC, | *son of Samuel* | *& Faithee Coggin,* | died | July 19,
1833, | Æt. 2 ys. & 7 mo.

My tender mother don't for me weep
'Tis soon in heaven we both shall meet.

448 (Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | Mr. HENRY COGGIN, | *who died* | May 9, 1814. |
Æt. 30.

Death seiz'd me in an unexpected hour,
And bade me quit in haste, this mortal shore,
My tender infant too, was snatch'd away,
And by my side, lies mouldering in the clay.
Take warning then, nor think yourselves secure,
Since life's uncertain, death you know is sure.

Henry Coggin of Natick m. Apr. 11, 1813, Patty b. July 31, 1780, dau. of Daniel and Martha (Fuller) Stratton of Weston. (Weston T. Rec.) Patty had a twin sister Nancy. Henry was killed by the fall of the house of Daniel Travis, while a new cellar was being constructed. For details see Bacon's History of Natick, p. 221. *Henry* [Coggin], a relative of 448, was a soldier in the Revolution.

449 MR. | ISAAC COGGIN | died July 4, 1842, | Æt. 52.

*He's gone, and left dear friend below,
To mourn his loss with grief and wo;
But since it was dur Father's mind,
May we submit and be resigned;
We trus he lives in Heaven above,
And triumphs in everlasting love.*

It is only just to say that the extremely bad spelling of some of these epitaphs, particularly the verse, is true to the originals, — *not* misprints.

The Coggins were Natick people, but lived near "Needham End."

450-451

THOMAS COOLIDGE, | died | Sept. 5, 1830, | Æt. 75.

TIMOTHY, | son of Thomas & | Molly Coolidge, | died | Dec. 1,
1812, | Æt. 28.

"There is rest in Heaven."

According to Bond's Watertown, Thomas was b. Apr. 8, 1755, son of Capt. John and Anne Coolidge of Sherborn, later of Natick.

Capt. Coolidge lived in "The Leg" in 1759, and Thomas was a resident of "Needham End" in 1798. Prior to 1855 *John* and *Alexander* were selectmen of Natick. On December 17, 1761, David Hall (p. 152), John Coolidge, Joseph Bacon and wife were admitted to the church at Natick.

Timothy was b. July 29, 1784.

452 Moley, | wife of | Thomas Coolidge, | died July 12, 1841, |
Æt. 84.

She was a Felch and m. Thomas Coolidge Sept. 19, 1776.
(Bond.)

453 ZERUIAH COOLIDGE | died | Jan. 17, 1867, | Æt. 73
yrs. 7 mos.

*"Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou
knowest not what a day may bring forth."*

She was b. June 15, 1793, dau. of 450 and 452. (Bond.)

454 THOMAS COOLIDGE | died | Sept. 4, 1865, | Æt. 65.

He was b. Sept. 1, 1800, son of 450 and 452. (Bond.)

455 SALLY, | wife of | Thomas Coolidge, | died | May 23, 1873, |
Æt. 75.

456 (Willow and urn.)

JOHN WAIT | died | April 18, 1847, | Æt. 75.

457 (Willow and urn.)

MARCY, | wife of | John Wait, | died July 26, 1849, | Æt. 73.

458 (Open book with a square and compasses on it.)

EBENR. WHITNEY, | Died | Sept. 23, 1855, | Æt. 72.

We part on Earth to meet in heaven.

He is said to have been an innkeeper and stage proprietor. He was b. in Natick, son of Jason and Lois (Fisher) Whitney, who were m. in Needham, Mar. 17, 1773. (Need. T. Rec.) Lois was the widow of Ephraim Pratt, and was b. in Needham, Feb. 7, 1745. See the excellent genealogy of the Fisher Family, Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. VIII, p. 26, and also the volume entitled "The Fisher Genealogy," by Philip Adsit Fisher. Ebenezer Whitney was a selectman of Natick.

Jason [Whitney] was admitted to the church at Natick in 1760. Not only the Natick families but most of the Needham people residing in "The Leg" attended the "English

Church," at what is now South Natick, during the pastorates of Rev. Oliver Peabody and Rev. Stephen Badger, 1729-98. The list of families includes Ward, Felch, "Goodenow," Underwood, Parker, Sparhawk, Bacon, Broad, Drury, Haynes, Bullard and Jennings. The church records contain many baptisms and admissions of persons of these names.

459

(Willow and urn.)

IN | memory of | MRS. MARY, | *wife of* | Mr. Ebn^r. Whiney, | who
died | July 22, 1822. | Æt. 37.

*Tho from our sight our derest friend has fled,
And in this narrow house reclines her head,
Yet on our hearts, her virtues will remain,
Till heaven permit that we shall meet again.*

Polly, dau. of Aaron and Martha (Walker) Brown, m. Ebenezer Whitney of Natick. (Barry's Framingham.)

460

(Willow.)

EBENEZER, | died Dec. 16, 1821. | Æt. 7 yr. | son of Mr. Ebn^r. | &
Mrs. Mary Whitney.

*Come then ye little flock be wise
Secure a mansion in the skies
To-day begin to live to God
Repent believe Obey his word*

461 EPHRAIM LOKER, | Died Dec. 25, 1849, | Aged 76 years, | 9
months.

He was son of Henry and Hannah (Barber) Loker. Ephraim was a carpenter, and at one time lived in Sudbury, where *Henry* and *John* [Loker] were inhabitants in 1638.

In 1725 the mill on Hawes Brook in "The Hundreds" came into the possession of the Lokers. This brook is west of Parker Plain and runs from Nonesuch Pond to Morse's Pond. "Hawes Hundred" was granted to Edward Hawes in 1661, and there was a mill there very early. In 1899 the boundary monuments on Blossom Street, Needham and Weston, and on Washington Street, Needham and Natick, remained un-

changed although the town of Wellesley was eighteen years old.

John "Loaker" was taxed in Needham in 1712. Horace Mann stated that *Moses* was a Revolutionary soldier from Needham, *Isaac* a captain of horse from Sudbury, Sergeant *Henry* a minute man from Natick, and that during the war of the Revolution *Jonas* was killed by a cannon ball.

Henry was a selectman of Natick.

Abraham Loker, a tall, stalwart man, 85 years of age, lives in Weston a short distance from the Wellesley line, and not far from the ancient Bogle house. See Needham Recorder for August 27, 1898.

462 SUSANNA, | wife of | EPHRAIM LOKER, | Died Dec. 20, 1857, | Aged 79 years, | 9 months.

Perhaps she was dau. of Abraham Loker (not the Abraham mentioned under 461).

"To keep an estate in land partly inherited, partly purchased by the fruits of her industry and toil, this lady followed the calling of a market woman. She nursed and supported her husband, a consumptive invalid in his later years; and cared for a relative who was . . . in ill health. She taught a large family the value of frugal habits, and constant toil. She left a large property in land to her heirs."

See article by Horace Mann in the Needham Recorder, October 15, 1898. For other contributions to the columns of this paper by Mr. Mann with reference to the Lokers see August 10, 1895, and August 27, 1898.

463 EPHRAIM LOKER | Died Apr. 11, 1887, | Æt. 83 yrs.

He was b. in Natick or Sudbury, d. in Natick, son of 461 and 462.

He was a farmer and lived for twenty years in "The Hundreds" on a farm inherited from his Rice ancestors of Sudbury. Later he kept the Loker Tavern, now the Elm House, in Felchville. The last twenty years of his life he lived on Worcester Street.

"He was a genial, kindly old man, a trifle cynical." Till nearly eighty years old he was stalwart and strong. He placed gravestones in memory of his wife and son, and one for himself. At his decease he was buried, as he had requested, in a coffin enclosed in a hermetically sealed zinc-lined box. (H. Mann.)

There is a stone in this lot with no inscription, presumably erected for his wife.

464 NANCY | *Dau. of | Ephraim & Sarah Loker*, | Died | Mar.
11, 1862, | *Æt.* 14 y'rs. 1 mo.

Dear sister thou art gone to rest.

Nancy was b. in Needham, Jan. 29, 1848.

465 EPHRAIM, JR. | *Son of | Ephraim & Sarah Loker*. | Died
1874. | *Æt.* 24 yrs.

Ephraim, Jr., was b. in Needham, Apr. 9, 1850.

466-467

HENRY LOKER | died | June 4, 1813, | *Æt.* 40.

SARAH, | His wife, | died June 2, 1846, | *Æt.* 73.

468 LYDIA W. | *wife of | Jonas Loker*, | died | Oct. 16, 1807 ; |
Æt. 32.

469 JONAS LOKER, | died | Oct. 16, 1851 ; | *Æt.* 76.

Probably 80 was his second wife. See p. 51.

470 JOHN G. | son of | Winthrop & Irene | LOKER, | died
July 9, 1842, | *Æt.* 6 yrs. 5 mos.

*John Gilman. O how can it be,
Never on earth thy face we see,
Thou canst not come to us, we know:
But unto thee we soon must go.*

This is in a Loker lot where there are several stones of more recent date.

471 JOHN HOLMES | died | March 27, 1878, | Æt. 81 yrs. 4
mos.

In God we trust.

This stone is in a Jennison lot.

472 BELA CARTER | *DIED* June 20, 1846, | aged 57 yrs.

473-474 (North face of a monument.)

ALBERT F. WIGHT | 1842-1842

MARY E. WIGHT | 1844-1845

475



JAMES McCUTCHINS | Died | Dec. 5, 1861, | aged 75.

476-478

WILLARD JR. | died Sept. 15, 1828, | Æt. 4 mos.

JONATHAN R. | died July 29, 1842, | Æt. 3 yrs. 7 mos.

ELLEN E. | died Aug. 16, 1854, | Æt. 10 yrs.

Children of | Willard & Mary Moore.

479

(Willow and urn.)

EUNICE MOORE | died | July 29, 1860, | Æt. 83.

This stone is near those of the Dunn family.

480 EUNICE, | wife of | William Moore, | died April 7, 1859, |
Æt. 59 yrs.

Prepare to meet thy God.

481 ANTHONY JONES | DIED | Jan. 11, 1858, | Æt. 67 yrs.
2 mo's.

There are twelve lines of verse in *italics* on this stone.

Anthony is a name that occurs in the Jones family of Framingham.

482 SOPHIA, | *wife of* | Anthony Jones, | DIED | Dec. 27,
1857, | Æt. 61 yrs, 2 mo's.

There are twelve lines of verse in *italics* on this stone.

483 CLARISSA C. | Wife of | Jonathan White | Died | May 8,
1850, | Aged 67 yrs.

484 ELIZABETH DUBIA | Died | Jany 5, 1863, | Æt. 77 yrs.
6 mos.

485 (Willow and urn.)

MR. TIMOTHY SMITH | died | Aug. 11. 1846. | Æt. 42.

*With patience Lord I bore thy hand
'Till death hath set me free.*

486 (Willow and urn.)

MR. | PAUL LINCOLN | DIED | March 16, 1848, | Æt. 76.

*Friends nor physicians could not save,
This mortal body from the grave,
Nor can the grave confine me here,
When Christ shall call me to appear.*

He was a prominent Methodist attending the church in
"The Hundreds."

487 (Willow and urn.)

MRS. HANNAH, | wife of | Paul Lincoln, | DIED | Aug. 2, 1855, |
Æt. 74.

*Rest dear Mother take thy rest,
God has but called thee home,
And in his presence thou art blest.
Where parting never comes.*

488

(Willow and urn.)

THOMAS P. H. | Son of Edmund & | Betsey Kimball, | died Oct.
8, 1835, | Æt. 10 ys. 3 ms. 15 ds.

*No bitter tear for thee be shed,
Thou spark of being—seen and gone,
With flowers alone, we strew thy bed,
Oh blest departed one.*

Thomas Peach was b. July 23, 1825, son of Edmund and Betsey (Hammond) Kimball. Several, if not all, of his elder brothers and sisters were b. in Newton. (Kimball Gen.)

489-492

(South face of a monument.)

ROBERT MANSFIELD | died | June 24, 1890; | aged 87 yrs.

PRUDENCE, | wife of | R. Mansfield, | died | Jan. 19, 1871; |
aged 68 yrs.

R. MANSFIELD

(North face.)

PRUDENCE, | died | Nov. 13, 1854, | Æt. 19 yrs.

EMILY, | died | June 5, 1855, | Æt. 15 yrs.

Daughters of Robert | & Prudence Mansfield.

There are four small stones in the lot inscribed

Prudence Emily. MOTHER. FATHER.

Robert was b. in Needham, July 21, 1802, son of Epes and Sarah (Smith) Mansfield.

Robert was a surveyor of land, and held several minor town offices, such as field driver 1829, surveyor of highways, Northwest district, 1859, '60, '65, one of the auditing committee 1860, surveyor of wood, weigher and gauger 1871-90, surveyor of lumber 1873, '74.

He wrote for local newspapers, and made many scrap books using clippings from the papers, and these books he gave as presents.

In his younger days he lived east of the turnpike, near its junction with Blossom Street, and later in Highlandville. There were at least two Mansfield homes on or near the turnpike and Blossom Street. The births of five of his children are recorded in Needham. The intention of marriage of Robert Mansfield and Prudence Felch of Natick was recorded in Needham Mar. 13, 1829.

His father *Epes* resided in Needham, was a zealous Methodist, and as early as 1802 entertained the most noted preachers of the time. Apparently Methodism in Needham dates from 1792 when Father Isaac Lee preached in the West or Second Church. Many who had revolted from the old school theology and become antipedobaptists later were Methodists, and were very much in earnest. *Epes* Mansfield was a recognized leader in the Needham Circuit, and attended the church in "The Hundreds." He was on the West meeting house district school committee in 1794, '99, 1806, '13, '18, field driver 1802, '08, '12, '13, fence viewer 1806, '07, '12, surveyor of highways 1813.

The births of six of his children are recorded in Needham. Besides the daughters Sarah and Rebecca, see 248 and 249, there was Ruth b. Dec. 25, 1790, m. May 27, 1817, Tyler Harrington of Weston, a noted Methodist.

John, son of *Epes*, and brother of Robert, was a well known citizen of Needham, and was a hogreave in 1820, on the West district school committee 1824, field driver 1827-30, surveyor or measurer of wood 1828-34, '39, '40, fence viewer 1830, elected assessor and declined 1841. He held minor town offices later, serving as surveyor for the Northwest district 1862, '63, but removed to Natick where he d. July 21, 1887, aged 94 yrs., 4 mos., 11 dys., and was buried at Newton Centre. He was a zealous Methodist, and there was an obituary notice of him in a Natick newspaper, presumably *The Natick Citizen*.

By his first wife, Mary, he had one child whose birth is recorded in Needham, and by his second wife, Elizabeth, he had four children whose births are on record.

Horace Mann said that John Mansfield told him that he saw the Methodist meeting house in "The Hundreds" raised, and that a black bottle was passed to the man who walked the "ridge" when the frame was completed. The meeting house, since removed, stood on land granted to Edward Hawes in 1661. Camp meetings were held in "The Hundreds" as late as 1843.

Mr. Horace Mann, a learned local antiquary, died in Natick, March 20, 1899, and it is to be regretted that his many valuable historical and genealogical articles are buried in the unindexed files of the Natick and Needham newspapers. In the early Dedham papers there are obituary notices and local history that ought to be rendered available.

The Needham Recorder and The Natick Citizen for March 25, 1899, contain notices of Horace Mann. In former years he wrote for the Needham Chronicle, a newspaper established in 1874 and in which many historical articles have been published, but since 1894 he had been connected with the Needham Recorder.



EPITAPHS

FROM SAINT MARY'S CHURCHYARD

NEWTON LOWER FALLS

IT was my purpose to copy only such inscriptions as related to persons who were connected with Needham, but I also noted the following facts. The earliest date of death on a stone is 1812, the year in which the parish was organized. There are two S. A. R. markers; Zibeon Hooker, an officer, and Elisha Bartlett are thus remembered. Samuel Lawton, the blacksmith, immortalized in Mrs. Stowe's "Old Town Folks" as Sam Lawson, is said to rest here with members of his family. There are stones in memory of his wife, Mehitable, and of his daughter, Sarah W., both of whom died in 1844, and there seems to be no question that he died in Newton Lower Falls.

493-494

JEREMIAH DANIELL | DIED | June 14, 1818, | aged 45 yrs.

EUNICE, | *his Wife* | DIED | Dec. 7, 1852, | aged 82 yrs.

He was b. in Needham, Oct. 4, 1773, son of Jeremiah and Abigail (Fisher) Daniell, who were m. Dec. 24, 1772, and had seven children whose births are recorded in Needham.

Eunice was b. Feb. 25, 1771, dau. of Moses and Mary (Cummings) Keith, m. Jeremiah Daniell Apr. 14, 1796. (Ch. Rec.) See 39 and 40.

George Keith was b. June 11, 1810, bapt. July 15 (West Ch. Rec.), and d. May 18, 1887. He was son of 493 and 494, and was a prominent citizen of Needham and later of Wellesley, and is buried in this lot, as are several members of his family. "Squire" Daniell was a justice of the peace, at one time a trial justice, and also a coroner. Besides many minor town offices he was selectman 1850, '51, assessor 1852-57, '61-67 (chairman '65-67), '71, '73, '74, '77-80, represented the town in the General Court 1857, the district in 1866, '68, '70, auditor 1860, '70, '72, '73, '75, '77-79, town agent 1870, '72-77.

495 GEORGE W. HOOGS | died Oct. 29, 1869, | aged 87 yrs.

He was 87 yrs., 1 mo., 25 dys., and was b. in Newton, son of William and Elizabeth (Stoddard) Hoogs. (T. Rec. and Jackson's History of Newton.) William is said to have come from Limerick, Ireland.

George W. was a store keeper in Needham; field driver 1820, surveyor of wood 1831, fire ward 1836, and held minor town offices other years. The births of seven of his children are recorded in Needham, and those of three children of his son George W., Jr., who m. Adaline V. Whiting of Walpole (int. Nov. 22, 1846).

496 FAITHE SEAVERNS | wife of | George W. Hoogs, | died
June 17, 1864. | aged 77 yrs.

She was 76 yrs., 11 mos., 17 dys. (T. Rec.), and was b. in Weston, June 28, 1787, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stratton) Seaverns, who were m. May 4, 1775. (Weston T. Rec.)

Faith m. Apr. 24, 1808, George W. Hoogs of Newton. In the record of her birth she is called Faith, and in the

record of her marriage Faithful. She was a sister of Peter Lyon's second wife. (See p. 33.)

497 ELIZABETH A. M. HOOGS, | DIED | FEB. 15. 1868.

FAITHFUL DAUGHTER, | KIND SISTER, TRUE FRIEND; |
FAITH POINTS TO HER REWARD.

She was b. Jan. 16, 1828, dau. of 495 and 496.

498-499 (Urn. Two willows. Urn.)

CAROLINE C. | died May 2, 1842 | Æt. 4 ys. 10 ms. 20 d

SUSAN A. | died May 10, 1842 | Æt. 2 yrs.

daughters of George | & Susan R. Hoogs.

*Ah! who can tell fond parents woe,
What pencil paint their grief;
When all of joy that earth could show,
Is faded, gone in death?*

500 (Willow and urn.)

MR. | GEORGE HYDE, | departed this life | June 7, 1835, | Aged
56 years.

*To death's embrace his body's given;
God has reclaimed his own.
His spirit's wafted back to heaven,
To bow before the throne.*

The births of twelve of his children are recorded in Needham.

501 (Willow and urn.)

In memory of | MRS. ANNA, | consort of Mr. George Hyde; | who
departed this life | May 11, 1831: | Æt 48.

*And now thy wearisome days, are all ended;
Nor will we repine at thy happy release;
Now God, in his mercy, his hand, hath extended;
And guided, thy soul, to the mansions, of peace.*

*He marked, thy serenity, and calmness, in death;
Yon, Seraphs, descended, thy flight, to attend;
Departed, with rapture, from sorrowful, earth;
Enshrined, is thy body, with ashes, to blend.*

502

(Willow and urn.)

In memory of | Miss CLARISSA, | daughter of Mr. George & |
 Mrs. Anna Hyde; | who departed this life | Nov. 23, 1830; |
 Æt. 23.

*O! bright example of unsullied youth,
 Of holy faith, and piety sincere!
 T'was thine supported by the word of truth,
 To view the early grave without a fear.*

*To see with joy the sure approach of death;
 A glorious privilege to thee was given,
 And some blest seraph, as he caught thy breath,
 Gave thy departing soul a glimpse of Heaven.*

She was b. Aug. 22, 1807.

503

(Willow and urn.)

HENRY H. HYDE, | died | May 5, 1839, | Æt. 16.

*God loves the young who early seek,
 His favor to obtain;
 He will not turn away his ear,
 Nor let them seek in vain.*

Henry Hiram was b. Sept. 13, 1822, son of 500 and 501.

504

(Willow and urn.)

MISS | HANNAH M. HYDE, | departed this life | Dec. 4, 1833, |
 Aged 18 years.

*The heaven born soul has winged her way
 To regions of resplendant day;
 Then lift thine eyes unto that sphere,
 Nor fondly dream she slumbers here.*

Hannah Maria was b. Feb. 26, 1816, dau. of 500 and 501.

505

(Willow and urn.)

GEORGE G. HYDE, | died | Nov. 28, 1844, | Æt. 24.

*Ere Death consigned his manly form,
 To this low bed of dust;
 His spirit quit in glad surprise,
 To mansions with the just.*

George Gridley was b. Sept. 27, 1820, son of 500 and 501.
As George Hyde he was admitted to the West Church July
7, 1844.

506

(Willow.)

SARAH R. HYDE | *died* | Apr. 23, 1860, | Æt. 47.

Lives to die no more.

507

(Willow and urn.)

MR. | LEWIS MUZZEY | *DIED* | July 16, 1836, | Æt. 42.

*I rest in peace, n'er to return,
I've left a world of care and pain,
Friends, Parents, Child now cease to mourn,
Your loss is my eternal gain.*

He was b. Nov. 7, 1794, son of Benoni and Lucy (Lewis)
Muzzey. See 193. Lewis was a hogreave 1818, '20, '27;
d. "at Mr. Luther Ware's." (West Ch. Rec.)

508

(Willow and urn.)

IN Memory of | MRS. ANN MUZZY, | *Consort of Mr. Lewis*
Muzzy, | who departed this life | March 22, 1830, | Æt. 29.

*"The once lov'd form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs;
And nature weeps, her comforts fled,
And withered all her joys."*

509

JOHN SLACK'S *TOMB*.

1814.

John was b. Mar. 1, 1779, son of John and Mary (Fuller)
Slack, m. Mary — and had three children whose births are
recorded in Needham.

For an account of this family see Needham Epitaphs, to
which may be added, p. 14 of the reprint, that John, Senior,
was in the West Company April 19, 1775, and there is a
bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. He was on the standing

committee of the First Parish 1780, '82, '86, '87, assessor 1787. During the War of the Revolution Mr. Slack served on committees of the town to raise men and money.

Benjamin, son of John, and brother of 509 (Need. Ephs., p. 18), was collector for the north side of the First Parish in 1796, on its standing committee 1799, 1800, town assessor 1803, '06, '18-21, elected in '22 and declined, served in '24, '27, '28, '31, justice of the peace May 8, 1806—, and often moderator of town meetings, one of the three town agents 1813, '16, one of the inspecting school committee 1826, '27, '30, '32, '34, '35, and held many minor town offices. From 1798-1800 he had a law suit with the West Parish, he desiring to belong to the East Parish. Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, pp. 127 and 128. From April 8, 1805-April 13, 1837, he was treasurer of the West Precinct, on its committee 1805-10, '14-36, moderator of no less than thirty-five of its meetings 1804-37. The Slacks lived on Walnut Street, where are still standing some of the oldest houses in Wellesley. The births of six children of Benjamin are recorded in Needham.

510

(Willow and urn.)

HARRIT H. S. | WIFE OF | NATHANIEL H. TUCKER, | *and daughter*
of | the late | HO^a W^m S. MOORE, | Died | March 25th 1833. |
 Aged 32 years.

*Her hope was fixed upon the Son of God
 for him she lived, in him, she died,
 her triumph in heaven is eternal.*

Mr. Tucker lived in Needham, and m. secondly June 18, 1837 (int. June 3), Harriet Bullen. He was not of the same race as the Honorable Enos Houghton Tucker, or related, as far as I can learn, to any other Tuckers who lived in Needham. (See the Tucker Gen.)

511 NATHANIEL H. TUCKER | died | Oct. 7th 1829 : | aged 1 year.

512

(East face of a monument.)

EMMA CAROLINE, | died June 13, 1849; | aged 3 y^r 7 mo^s

She was b. in Needham, Nov. 8, 1845, dau. of Charles Rice, 2d, and Eliza Ann, his wife. The names of Charles Rice, 2d, who was a relative of Brigadier General Charles Rice of Needham, and of five other children of the former are on this monument, but I cannot learn that any of them were born or lived in Needham. Charles Rice, 2d, d. May 15, 1877, and his wife d. Jan. 6, 1899.

513 EBENEZER SMITH, | Died Jan. 31. 1870. | Aged 71 years.

*"When Thou hadst overcome
the sharpness of death, Thou
didst open the Kingdom of
Heaven to all believers."*

He was b. Nov. 12, 1798, son of Jonathan, Jr., and Abigail Smith, and lived in Needham.

514 ANN BUNCE | wife of Ebenezer Smith, | Died Dec. 15,
1893, | Aged 84 years.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Ebenezer Smith of Needham and Ann Bunce of Natick were m. Mar. 1, 1830 (int. Jan. 23). She d. in Natick.

515

(Open Bible.)

Rev. Chap. VII. on left hand page, and ver. 16. 17. on the right.

GEORGE HOMER SMITH, | Died Jan'y 23, 1867. | Aged 23 yrs.
7 mos.

A graduate of Harvard | University; Class of 1865.

*"In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
— He rests"*

He was b. June 9, 1843, son of 513 and 514.

516

(Willow and urn.)

DENNIS, | Son of | Ebenezer & | Ann Smith, | died | Jan. 22,
1835, | Aged 18 ms.

Dennis was b. July 18, 1833.

517 MARIA HARRIET, | daughter of | Ebenezer & Ann
Smith | died Oct. 15, 1862, | aged 12 years.

*"An inheritor of the Kingdom
of Heaven."*

Maria H. was b. in Newton, Aug. 1, 1850. (Need. T. Rec.)

518-519

EBENEZER STEDMAN, | DIED MARCH 27, 1813, | AGED
68 YEARS.

HIS WIFE | EUNICE MORSE, | DIED MARCH 13, 1835, |
AGED 81 YEARS.

The intention of marriage of Ebenezer Stedman of Weston and Eunice Morse of Natick was published in Weston Apr. 13, 1773. (Weston T. Rec.)

Adam Beck says that when the Lexington alarm came Ebenezer was shingling the Slack house, in which the Honorable George White formerly lived, and that he immediately got his gun and joined his company, presumably Newton militia.

520

(Rose in a circle.)

ELIZABETH D. | wife of | Amos Stevens, | & daughter of | Samuel & Priscilla | McIntosh, | died May 25, 1849, | aged 36 years.

She was dau. of Samuel and Priscilla (Smith) McIntosh, who were m. Sept. 24, 1810 (int. Sept. 2). (See 103 and Need. Ephs., pp. 29 and 30.) Elizabeth m. Amos Stevens Apr. 23, 1835. (Dr. Josiah Noyes's diary.)

Col. William McIntosh came to Needham in 1764, and his descendants have been prominent here until the present

time. For some account of the Colonel see the History of Norfolk County, 1884, p. 524, the History and Directory of Needham, 1888-89, Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 75, and the Needham Recorder, November 16, 1895. I will add a few items to the account of him on p. 29 of the Needham Epitaphs.

He was assessor 1767, '68, often moderator of town meetings, and was the most prominent member of the First Parish for many years, and on its standing committee 1779, '85, '88-93, '95-97. He was moderator of the first meeting of the First (East) Parish November 9, 1778.

The remains of Col. McIntosh were placed in his tomb, which is in the bank south of the Fuller tomb in the old graveyard at Needham. Much of the brick work was removed when the bank was graded, twenty or more years since, and some coffins were placed in lots, but the Colonel and several members of his family, including his son Major Ebenezer, still rest in their original sepulchre. There is a slab inscribed

The Tomb of | Rev^d Stephen Palmer, & Col. Will^m McIntosh.

The bodies of Mr. Palmer, his wife, daughter Mills and two of the Mills children were placed in this tomb, and later buried in a lot. Mr. Palmer, who was much beloved by his people, was an able man, and his published sermons, unlike those of most of the earlier ministers, are still good reading as he was an interesting writer. See "A Sermon occasioned by the Death of Colonel William McIntosh Who Died January 3, 1813, in the ninety-first year of his age. Delivered the Lord's Day after His Interment. By Stephen Palmer A. M." Boston, 1813. There is a bronze S. A. R. marker in memory of Col. McIntosh at the tomb. His name is inscribed on the monument in a McIntosh lot. Probably Col. McIntosh had a more national reputation than any other citizen that Needham ever had, with the exception of Will-

iam Thomas Green Morton, M. D., the discoverer of the use of ether as an anæsthetic in surgery.

Major *Ebeneser*, son of the colonel, is mentioned in the early volumes of the Ded. Hist. Reg. See Vol. II, p. 145. He was commissioned captain in 1797, major 1803. (1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, 1st Division of the militia.) He was treasurer of the First Parish 1800-03, '13-19, '26, collector 1826, on its standing committee 1805, '07, '12-15, '17-19, '21-26, '30-32, eighteen years, the third longest service on that committee in the history of the parish.

In 1798 Enoch Mills, Major Moses Mann, Captain Ebeneser McIntosh and Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., were chosen choristers, "to lead the tune in the Congregation." (First Parish Rec.)

On March 25, 1816, "Maj. Eben^r. M^cIntosh George Fisher Cap^t Artemas Newell Cap^t Elisha Lyon Jeremiah Kingsbury Timothy Broad Jonathan Gay Ju^r Were chosen a Committee to Lot out wood and sell on the Church Land for the purpose of furnishing the communion table with silver cups &c." (Record of the First Parish, which owned the "Church Land.") The history of the Church and Parish silver is so obscure that I am tempted to explain it.

With the proceeds of this sale of wood the parish bought four plates and eight cups in 1816. In 1833 the *church* received a legacy from Mrs. Persis (Smith) Ware, widow of Lieut. Ephraim Ware (Need. Ephs., pp. 28 and 38), of \$190.73 to purchase communion silver, and March 4, 1834, bought the four plates and one of the cups from the *parish*, and had them inscribed as the gift of Persis Ware. This handsome communion service remained the property of the church and parish until 1883, when two plates and four cups were most unfortunately disposed of by the church. Mrs. Ware also left to the church in the West Parish a like sum of money with which in 1851 a fine silver service was purchased. (History of the Wellesley Congregational Church, by Rev. Edward Herrick Chandler, p. 52, 1898.)

In November, 1810, the First Church received under the will of Thomas Hubbard Townsend of Weston, formerly of Needham, a silver tankard, which in 1833 was sold, and two of the cups were obtained from the *parish* and inscribed as the gift of Mr. Townsend. At the present time the silver of the First Church and Parish consists of two of the original plates (1816), marked as the gift of Mrs. Ware 1833, four of the 1816 cups, viz: one marked with the name of Mrs. Ware 1833, and two with that of Mr. Townsend, no date, and one cup inscribed simply "Needham First Church 1816." This silver was first used July 21, 1816. The church has also a silver christening basin presented by the pastor, Rev. Stephen Palmer, A. M., 1815, and first used May 5, 1816. In June, 1816, a silver tankard was bought by subscription (\$36), and sold in 1826, when two plated flagons were purchased, and they are still in use. The church also owns a silver spoon with the date of 1816 on it. The inscriptions on the different pieces of silver are longer than I care to give here.

Major McIntosh was pound keeper for a number of years, selectman 1803-07, '18, '19, '21, '23, assessor 1821, assistant assessor 1822, '30.

He kept the McIntosh tavern which stood near the site of Charles Kingsbury Cutter's residence at the corner of Central and Great Plain Avenues. The Major was succeeded by Francis McIntosh, he by Davis Collins Mills (203), who kept the tavern one year, and Mills by Nathan McIntosh, son of the Major, whose successor, Isaac Mirick (Need. Ephs., p. 40), was the last to keep tavern on that spot. The building was for some years a store and was burned.

The locality where the tavern stood was in old times called McIntosh's Corner, but for the past twenty-five years it has been known as Dog Corner. Several families of McIntoshes live in this part of the town and it has been suggested by a number of citizens that the old name should be restored, but it is not easy to accomplish this at the present time. It

is to be hoped that in the future there will be a general interest in the preservation of historic names throughout the town. The excellent map of Metropolitan Boston, George H. Walker & Co., 1898, locates the tavern too far to the west and on the wrong side of Great Plain Avenue. Hurd's Corner, at the junction of Webster Street and Central Avenue, is a recognized name. It is directly in front of the Hurd homestead. Many years ago Reuben Hurd, who came from Rochester, N. H., became the owner of the estate which had been the residence of Lieutenant Colonel Silas Alden, an officer in the Revolution and familiarly known as "Old Growl." William Emery Hurd, son of Reuben, succeeded his father and is the present owner.

It is the wish of the writer that the large square between the home of the first minister in Needham, the Rev. Jonathan Townsend, A. M., and the site where the First Church was for one hundred and sixty-seven years, should be named Townsend Square or Townsend Park in honor of the minister. There is no local name in town to commemorate either Mr. Townsend or the third minister, Rev. Stephen Palmer, A. M., an exceptionally able and influential man.

Royal and *Gideon*, brothers of Major Ebenezer [McIntosh], were soldiers in the Revolution in 1777 and 1778, and there are two bronze S. A. R. markers in the McIntosh lot. (Need. Ephs., p. 30.)

Royal was collector for the First Parish, north side, 1798, and on its standing committee 1803, sexton 1805-07, town assessor 1804, '05, selectman 1805, '07. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. III, p. 51, contains an account of some length of Dr. Nathan McIntosh, son of Col. William, and one of the pioneers of the Marietta settlement in Ohio. In the biographical department of the New England Historic Genealogical Society are clippings from the Marietta Register for July 25, 1878, which give particulars as to the descendants of Dr. Nathan McIntosh.

Royal, son of *Royal*, was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1838, and town assessor 1839. Both Thomas Hubbard Townsend and *Royal McIntosh*, the younger, once lived in the house now the home of the writer. (See 103 and Need. Ephs., p. 30.)

Michael, *Nathan* and *Ebenezer Whiting* were all sons of Major *Ebenezer* and all are buried in Needham. (Need. Ephs.)

Michael was selectman 1836, and his brothers were both on the standing committee of the First Parish in 1833, and all held minor town offices.

Capt. *Curtis*, another son of Major *Ebenezer*, was captain of a company of cavalry 1825-26 (1st Battalion of Cavalry, 2d Brigade, 1st Division). He was selectman 1827, '28. (Need. Ephs., p. 31.)

Curtis, son of Capt. *Curtis*, lives on the home place of Col. *William McIntosh*, but the old house was removed about ten years since.

Curtis was assessor 1887, but has usually declined town office. He was an independent candidate for special commissioner of Norfolk County 1895, and received more votes in Needham than any other candidate for special commissioner. He owns 76 acres of land in Needham, is part owner of 24 acres additional, and members of his family own land in town.

Capt. *Davis Grant*, son of *Charles*, and grandson of Capt. *Curtis*, commanded large merchant ships and d. in China Oct. 13, 1897, aged 33.

James Mackintosh, as he elects to spell his surname, is a son of *Ebenezer Whiting*, and for a long period has been one of the most highly respected and influential citizens of the town.

He was a surveyor of highways for some years under the old district system, and held various minor town offices.

Mr. *Mackintosh* was selectman 1870, '75-77, '81, elected in 1882 and declined, 1884 (resigned in December), representa-

tive to the General Court 1876, '77, '81, chairman of the water commissioners 1890–March, 1896, and has never been defeated when a candidate for a town office.

In 1878 and '79 he was a candidate at the polls for State senator, and in 1881 and '84 for county commissioner, and received a handsome vote each time. In 1881 more than two-thirds of the votes cast in Needham were for him.

He invariably refused compensation for his services as selectman although in 1875–77 the annual salary was \$300. In 1887 he raised the money to pay off the mortgage on the First Parish meeting house and land, and has always been a liberal giver.

Mr. Mackintosh owns 211 acres of land in Needham, a holding exceeded only by that of George Adelbert Alden and Arthur Wallace Pope, who together have 528½ acres, members of their families owning 18 acres more. There are but seven other holdings in the town that exceed 100 acres; of these the heirs of Dr. Larkin Dunton have 184 acres, and John Frederick Bowers has 158 acres and also a third interest in 20½ acres additional. The other five large landowners have estates varying from 102¼ to 154 acres.

Mr. Mackintosh has also 14 acres in Wellesley, and Messrs. Alden and Pope have 114½ acres in that town. "Strife Meadow Brook" flows between the Mackintosh farm and Ridge Hill. Strife Meadow Brook and Birch Meadow are referred to in the town records as early as 1714.

Although seventh in the list of landowners George Otis Kingsbury has besides 130 acres in Needham, 85 acres in Dover, and members of his immediate family own 26 acres in Needham. Edmund George Pond and family own 68½ acres in Needham and some 35 acres in Dover. Nathaniel Wales has 63½ acres in Needham and 38 acres in Wellesley. Neither Mr. Pond nor Mr. Wales are included among the large landowners previously referred to, as their estates in Needham are less than 100 acres. For brief sketch and portrait of Mr. Mackintosh see "One of a Thousand," 1890.

His son, *Herbert Butler*, graduated at Harvard University in 1897, and is now a student in the Law School of Boston University.

William Harrison [McIntosh], son of Michael, was a constable in 1868, '69, selectman, overseer of the poor, town agent, etc., 1882, '83, assessor 1885. Both William H. and Michael, his father, are buried at Needham and their names are on a new monument.

The McIntoshes have been prominent in other places. Only the briefest mention can be made of individuals in this work.

521 FREDERICK, | son of Amos & | Elizabeth D. | Stevens, |
died | Mar. 16, 1838, | Aged 1 month.

522-523 (South face of a monument.)

In memory of | HENRY BARTLETT, | who died | Oct. 29, 1840, |
aged 67 years.

Also his wife | HANNAH | who died | April 3, 1823, | aged 42
years.

Henry made several voyages to the West Indies, and elsewhere, in his younger days. He lived in Needham, and Adam Beck states that he recalls anecdotes told by Mr. Bartlett of experiences on the sea and in foreign lands. He had five children by his wife, Hannah Fisher, whose births are recorded in Needham.

524 LEVI JENNINGS, | died Nov. 18, 1870, | aged 79 yrs.

He was son of Ethel Jennings (409). Levi was hogreave 1817, '18. For many years he lived in Weston, but earlier lived on what is now Grove Street in Needham, in the house now owned by the heirs of Josiah Bean. The birth of his daughter Phebe G., Dec. 29, 1821, is recorded in Needham.

525 PHEBE, | wife of | Levi Jennings, | died June 25, 1862, |
Æt. 68 yrs.

The intention of marriage of Levi Jennings and Phebe Goodanow was recorded in Needham, Jan. 18, 1817.

526 LEVI JENNINGS JR. | DIED | Apr. 21, 1866, | Aged 42
yrs.

We part to meet again.

527-528



JOHN M. JOY, | DIED JAN. 26, 1870, | AGED 44 YRS.
9 MOS.

GONE TO THE BETTER LAND.

HIS WIFE HARRIET A. | DIED JAN. 10, 1887, | AGED
58 YRS.

He was 44 yrs., 9 mos., 3 dys., and was b. in Montville, Me., son of Benjamin and Fannie Joy. The date of his death as recorded in the town records does not agree with that on the stone. He came from near Belfast, Me.

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(containing G)

GEN. CHARLES RICE | 1788-1863

He was b. in Brighton, Dec. 26, 1787, d. in Needham, Nov. 20, 1863, son of John and Mary (Lee) Rice.

Charles Rice of Dorchester and Lucy Mann were m. in Needham, Nov. 23, 1809. (T. and Ch. Recs.) She is buried in Needham. (Need. Ephs., p. 28.)

He was surveyor of highways 1819, '20, Lower Falls district school committee 1820, prudential school committee

1837, selectman 1825, '27, '28, '30, '32, '33, assessor 1826, elected and declined 1831, representative to the General Court 1829, '31, fireward 1837-40, assistant assessor 1850, justice of the peace.

On May 7, 1831, "Gen" Charles Rice was "Signed to the First parish in Needham."

On November 11, 1833, he was on a committee "to Sell the old School house in the south district."

He was a leader in the Democratic party.

From 1825-27 he was lieutenant colonel of the 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, 1st Division of militia, and in 1828 became general of the brigade.

He was a prominent freemason and a member of Meridian lodge of which Peter Lyon, Esq. (47), Lemuel Lyon (553), Seth Dewing and the late James Smith (p. 17) were also members. This lodge was instituted in 1797 and met in Sargent's tavern at the junction of Washington and Worcester Streets.

530 MARIA RICE | 1800-1887

531 MARY, | daughter of | Charles and | Maria Rice, | died
 May 28, 1852 : | aged 19 years.

We part to meet again.

There are four stones in the lot.

532-540 (South face of a monument.)

NATHANIEL WALES | Died Mar. 3, 1864, | Aged 86 yrs.

SALLY, | his wife | Died Nov. 22, 1802, | Aged 26 yrs.

ABAGAIL J. | his wife | Died Mar. 26, 1870, | Aged 86 yrs. 10 mos.

WALES

(West face.)

NATHANIEL WALES, Jun. | Died Feb. 1, 1873, | Aged 70 yrs.

CATHERINE C. | wife of | Nath. Wales Jr. | Died Apr. 21, 1891, |
Aged 77 yrs. 11 dys.

EMMA WALES KEITH | Died Jan. 24, 1897, | Aged 61 yrs.

(East face.)

MARTHA J. | Died Sept. 16, 1811, | Aged 1 yr.

BENJAMIN | Died June 16, 1819.

EMELINE C. | Died Apr. 1, 1829, | Aged 21 yrs.

Children of | N. & A. Wales.

There are nine small stones in this lot.

Nathaniel (532) was b. in Watertown, Apr. 20, 1778, and lived in Newton, except for a time when he was in Canada, and kept a hotel, or tavern as it was then called, at Newton Lower Falls. Wales Street was named for him, or because the Wales Tavern was near by. He was a son of Elkanah and Susanna (Coolidge) Wales, who were m. Nov. 11, 1773. (Bond's Watertown.)

His wife, Sally, whom he married in 1801, was a Mills. His second wife, Abigail J., was b. May 24, 1783, dau. of Edward and Abigail (Smith) Jackson. (Jackson's Newton.)

In 1812 Mr. Wales attended St. Mary's Church (Episcopal). A grandson of Nathaniel Wales, also named Nathaniel, is a prominent and respected citizen of Needham, and was for two years superintendent of streets here. Mr. Wales owns a farm on Great Plain Avenue, near the Wellesley line, which belonged at different periods to Jabez Smith and to Lemuel Pratt. A short distance ~~South~~^{South} of Mr. Wales's barn, on the opposite side of the road, is a ledge on which within the recollection of persons now living were the remains of a powder-house.

On March 13, 1721, a committee was chosen to care for the "Stock of amminifhon for y^e Company," and July 12, 1753, the town voted to provide a place "to Keep the Town stock of ammunition & Arms." On May 8, 1800, it was voted "to build a Powder House," and a committee was appointed to do so.

Nathaniel Wales, Jr., (535) was b. Sept. 27, 1803, son of 532 and 534. He lived in Needham, and among other town offices held by him was that of auditor 1859, selectman 1858-60. He was uncle of the Nathaniel now living in Needham.

Catherine Clark was b. Apr. 11, 1814, dau. of 291 and 292, m. Nathaniel Wales of Newton, Apr. 9, 1835 (int. Mar. 21).

Emma Wales Keith was dau. of 535 and 536.

541 I KNOW | WHOM I HAVE | BELIEVED.

HENRY GRISWOLD | PERKINS | BORN, | In HARTLAND Vt. |
February 14, 1797 | DIED, | At GRANTVILLE Mass. |
September 13, 1856.

He was cashier of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company twenty-two years, and was son of Francis and Sarah (Dennison) Perkins.

542-543

LOUISA R. PERKINS, | Wife of | Henry G. Perkins | DIED |
Jan. 23, 1853, | Aged 51.

"HE giveth HIS beloved sleep."

Infant son of | Henry G. & Alice B. Patten, | Oct. 5, 1884.

She was b. in Woodstock, Vt., dau. of David and Susan (Damon) Dutton, m. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., 1821, Henry G. Perkins.

544



CHARLOTTE PORTER | WIFE OF | HENRY G. PERKINS | Sept. 23,
1810. Aug. 23, 1890.

"Let her own words praise her."

The intention of marriage of Henry G. Perkins and Charlotte Porter of Dover, N. H., was recorded in Needham Apr. 15, 1856.

545 HENRY PERKINS | DIED | Mar. 3, 1851 : | Aged 28.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

546 JOHN S. PERKINS | DIED | July 9, 1854 : | Aged 24.

"O grave where is thy victory."

He was a teacher, and was b. in Ludlow, Vt., son of 541 and 542.

547

(Monogram.)

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF | F. W. PERKINS,

As dying, and behold, we live.

(Back.)

FRANCIS WILLIAM PERKINS | Born in Boston Mass. | 25
May 1841 : | Died in New Orleans La. | 6 March 1871.

It is said that he was assassinated in his office.

548

PATTEN

The LORD shall give thee rest.

(Back.)

1828 APRIL 7 | CLAUDIUS B. PATTEN | 1886 MAY 22

Claudius Buchanan was b. in Kingston, N. H., son of Colcord and Maria (Fletcher) Patten. He was elected a member of the school committee of Needham in 1861 for three years, but resigned early in 1863.

On April 29, 1861, he was chosen one of the military committee of the town. He removed to Boston in the sixties, and was killed by the cars at Savin Hill.

He m. Mary D. Perkins (int. June 25, 1855), who was b. in Keene, N. H., Apr., 1833, dau. of 541 and 542.

549

(Front.)

LORD JESUS | receive my spirit

(Back.)

SALVATION | TO | OUR GOD WHICH | SITTETH UPON | THE
THRONE, AND | UNTO THE | LAMB.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF



ELLEN LOUISA PERKINS | WIFE OF | CHARLES E. PARKER |
Died, 22^d of April 1857. | Æ 31 YRS.

She was b. in Cabot, Vt., dau. of 541 and 542, m. in 1846 Charles Edward Parker, an architect in Boston, who is buried next to her. She d. in Auburndale. Her second son, Walter Horatio, who

"died | July 26, 1852, | aged 1 year and | 9 months."

is buried with her.

550 SETH LYON, | Died | September 27, 1857, | aged 76 yrs.

*This mortal must put on
immortality.*

He was b. in Milton, Jan. 22, 1781, son of Jacob and Jerusha (Tucker) Lyon.

Jacob had no less than eight sons. He was blind in his old age. The Honorable Enos H. Tucker remembers him.

Seth had six children whose births are recorded in Needham. He was a brother of Peter and of the Deacon.

For Peter see 47. For Capt. or Deacon or "Squire" *Elisha* see sketch, with a portrait, in the History of Norfolk County, 1884, p. 539. *Elisha* was collector for the First Parish 1819 and had .04½% as compensation, one of its standing committee 1820-22, '24-26, '28, '42, '45, deacon of the First Church September 1, 1826-May 19, 1849. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 75.) He also held many minor town offices such as highway surveyor, and was representative to the General Court 1816, '39, '40, selectman 1816, '18, '19, '21, '23, '25, '27, '37-41, '45-47, assistant assessor 1821, one of the inspecting school committee 1831-33, assessor 1837, elected in '41 and declined, '44, town treasurer 1839-52, justice of the peace February 17, 1824-, and was often moderator of town and parish meetings. While he was the town treasurer his house was burned with some property of the town in it. In 1714 or early in 1715 the house of Matthias Ockinton, one of the two constables and tax collectors for 1714, was burned with the tax list and his account book, resulting in some complications. Lyon's Bridge between Needham and Dedham and Lyon Street in Dedham, both near the Lyon homestead, take their names respectively from "Squire" Lyon and from his son *Elisha Hiram*. The latter paid for the re-building of the road now Lyon Street. The former d. May 14, 1862, aged 84, and is buried in Needham. He was a man of ability and strong character.

His son *Lemuel*, or brother *Lemuel*, was collector for the First Parish 1828 at 4% "he being the lowest bidder." *Lemuel*, the younger, became a prominent man and d. in Japan while United States consul there. (Need. Ephs., p. 44.) His son, *Israel Whitney*, is a liberal benefactor of the First Church.

Another son of Deacon Lyon, *Joshua Brown*, was elected selectman in 1842 but declined. He was major 1835, lieutenant colonel 1836, '37, colonel 1838, 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, 1st Division of the militia. He is buried in Needham. (Need. Ephs., p. 41.)

- 551 ELIZA WILLIAMS, | wife of | SETH LYON, | Died |
Looking unto Jesus, | January 8, 1865, |
aged 79 yrs.

She was b. in Lincoln, dau. of Thomas and Hannah Williams. Seth Lyon of Needham and Eliza Williams of Weston were m. Mar. 26, 1807 (Weston T. Rec.), int. Feb. 20. (Need. T. Rec.)

- 552 HELEN M. LYON, | wife of | ISAAC HAGAR, | Died |
Oct. 14, 1890, | aged 65 yrs.

Helen Maria was b. June 1, 1825, dau. of 550 and 551.

- 553 LEMUEL LYON | Was Born in Milton Mass. | Feb. 16,
1783, | And Died in Needham | March 13, 1843.

*"As we have borne the image of the earthly,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."*

Brother of 550. He was a freemason. The births of six of his children are recorded in Needham. He was a gunsmith, and lived in an old house still standing on the easterly side of Walnut Street near the Lower Falls bridge. Either he or his nephew "bid off" the care of the meeting house, which included ringing the bell, cutting and housing wood, etc., in 1834 for \$12 for the year. (First Parish Rec.) Mr. Tucker thinks it was the nephew, Lemuel the younger.

- 554 THANKFUL DAMON | Wife of Lemuel Lyon, | Was Born
in Scituate | Oct. 20, 1783, | And Died in Needham | Feb.
16, 1859.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed."

- 555 MEHITABLE G. | Wife of | GEORGE W. LYON, | Died
Aug. 9, 1846, | Æt. 20 yrs.

556-562

(South face of a monument.)

AMOS LYON, | Died March. 21st | 1861, | aged 73 years.MRS. ABIGAIL LYON, | Died February 13th | 1870, | aged 83
years.

(East face.)

MARIA L. LYON, | Died October 11th | 1821, | aged 2 years.HENRY L. LYON, | Died August 13th | 1829, | aged 6 years.

(North face.)

MARIA L. DUNBAR, | Died April 6, 1854, | aged 32 Years.

(West face.)

MARIA L. LYON, | Died October 27th | 1817, | aged 2 Years.HENRY L. LYON. | Died November 4th | 1818, | aged 5 days.

Amos was b. in Milton, Jan. 24, 1788, brother of 550.
Amos and Abigail (Greenwood) Lyon had a dau. Abigail,
who d. in Hanover, Mass., Aug. 9, 1893, aged 80 yrs., 9 mos.
Amos was a paper manufacturer. See 47.

Abigail (557) was b. in Dublin, N. H., Sept. 28, 1786, dau.
of Isaac and Abigail (Jackson) Greenwood. (Jackson's His-
tory of Newton.)

563 IN | memory of | LUCY AMANDA | daughter of | Morti-
mer & Lucy H. | LYON, | who died March | 28, 1832, | aged
16 months.

*This lovely bud, so young & fair,
Call'd hence by earthly doom.
Came but to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise might bloom.*

Mortimer was son of 556, and lived in Needham. His
child *Alvin Ayer* was b. there Oct. 20, 1843. (Need. T. Rec.)

564 *Henry Mortimer* | *Son of* | *Mortimer & Lucy H.* | *LYON,* |
died March 3, 1836 | *Æ. 3 yrs. & 9 Mo.*

Sleep on dear Boy and take your rest,
 From care and sorrow free;
 While we O God in silence bow,
 Submissively to thee.

565 (Willow and urn.)

In Memory of | *LUCY ELLEN,* | *Daug. of Jesse, & | Mehetable*
Lyon: | who died | Nov. 3^d 1826 : | aged 16 Months.

Yes we shall meet sweet babe
No more to part:
I yet shall clasp the darling,
Of my heart.
Prostrate before thy throne,
O power Divine;
I kiss the rod and willingly
Resign.

Jesse [Lyon], brother of 550, m. Feb. 11, 1817 (int. Jan. 25), Hitty, dau. of Elisha and Meliscent (Winch) Frost of Framingham; and removed to Fitchburg. (Temple's Framingham and Need. T. Rec.) She is called Mehitable in the latter. Jesse had four daus. and two sons.

Charles Hiram [Lyon] of Needham, son of Peter (47), and Sarah Train of Weston were m. May 22, 1828, by Charles Train of Framingham. (Weston T. Rec.) Charles H. was b. June 9, 1806, d. in Dorchester, Oct. 11, 1889. He was a prominent paper manufacturer, and had mills at Newton Lower Falls and at Chaplin, Conn. He was an Episcopalian.

Charles H., Jr., and his wife are buried in this (St. Mary's) cemetery, and the stone, which is in memory of both, is inscribed with a square and compasses.

Joseph Warren [Lyon], son of Peter (47) by his second wife, was major 1828-31 inclusive of the 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, 1st Division of the militia. *John Welles* [Lyon], brother of Joseph W., was a lieutenant, and both of them were members

of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, as were Col. William B. Parker, Lieut. Paul Dewing and other Needham men. Joseph W. moved to Taunton and John W. to the West. The latter d. in Indianapolis.

Parker, Dewing and John W. Lyon were officers of the Norfolk Rifle Rangers. (See pp. 11 and 12.) From Dr. Josiah Noyes's diary I quote the following under date of November 3, 1832, "Training of the new Company of Rifle Rangers and Shooting match at East Needham."

Josiah was a minute man April 19, 1775, and *Josiah, Jr.*, was in the East Company, but their relationship, if any, to the Lyon family that came from Milton is unknown to the writer.

566 IN MEMORIAM | MARTHA SMITH GARFIELD |
MARCH 25, 1807 | MARCH 4, 1897
AND THE END | EVERLASTING LIFE

Moses Garfield, 2d, son of George, and grandson of Lieut. Moses, was collector for the First Parish 1837, and perhaps had served on its standing committee 1831-35. Selectman 1839-41. He m. Martha S. Rice of Newton (int. Jan. 4, 1835).

Lieut. *Moses* was collector for the First Parish 1789, on its standing committee 1798-1800, and either he or his grandson 1831-35. (Mr. Tucker says it was the elder Moses.) The Lieutenant was selectman 1803, '04, '06, '08, '12-19, "added to the assessors" in 1813 and 1830. He was one of the West Precinct committee 1809-15, '18-30, and its moderator in 1825. He was buried in his tomb at Needham. (Need. Ephs., p. 55 and Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. IV, p. 30.)

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(Willow and urn.)

ERECTED | In Memory of | MRS. ABIGAIL, | *Wife of* | Eph^m Hyde; |
who died | Sep^r 21, 1812 : | Æt. 63.

2nd Person inter'd in this Yard.

Inscriptions from stones erected in the old graveyard in Wellesley in 1899.

574 NANCY BACON. | WIFE OF | JOSEPH KINGSBURY. |
MAR. 28. 1788. | NOV. 30. 1871.

See 60-63 pp. 37 and 38. This epitaph is numbered 574 rather than 568 in order to indicate the exact number in the book.

575 WILLARD KINGSBURY. | JUNE 15. 1815. | MAR. 24.
1866.

He was son of 60 and 574.

"FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN THY SIGHT ARE BUT AS
YESTERDAY WHEN IT IS PAST, AND AS A
WATCH IN THE NIGHT."





ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

THE following notes have accumulated while this volume of epitaphs was in press, and a few corrections of punctuation and style of lettering are added :

P. 10. Moses, son of Nathaniel Bullard of Needham, was bapt. Mar. 24, 1734. (Natick Ch. Rec.) There appears to have been but one John Bullard who was a soldier in the Revolution, and John should be printed in *italics* but once. Nathaniel Bullard, the deputy sheriff who died in 1816, was apparently identical with the drummer of that name in the Revolution.

P. 21. Epitaph 8, Hadassah Stevens, for Cap' read Cap^l.

P. 23. The intention of marriage of Abijah Stevens and Anna Brown was recorded Nov. 8, 1821. (T. Rec.)

P. 24. Epitaph 25, George Stevens, read MR.

Epitaph 26, read M^{rs} SYBEL STEVENS, | *Wife of Mr. Ephraim Stevens*

Epitaph 27, read M^{rs} EPHRAIM STEVENS

P. 29. Epitaph 40, read MRS. MARY DANIELLS

Epitaph of Chester Daniels (41) read Mr. Mrs. 20th

P. 30. Dorothy Bullard, Jr., was admitted to full communion October 25, 1741, and Ephraim Bullard February 28, 1741/2. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

A recent survey confirms the correctness of that made by Asa Kingsbury in 1831 as to the area of Lake Waban. It

is about 120 acres, but has been incorrectly stated in different publications. Nason and Varney's Gazetteer of Massachusetts, 1890, calls the area 300 acres. By a singular oversight no mention was made on p. 30 of the well-known Bullard's Hill, which is between Wellesley College and Blossom Street.

P. 31. Beulah Goodenow (44), dau. of Isaac Goodenow, was bapt. Feb. 19, 1748/9. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 32. Mercy Peabody (46) was bapt. July 30, 1732. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 33. The full name of Mrs. Parker was Harriet Elizabeth and she was b. Feb. 13, 1815. (T. Rec.)

P. 34. Mrs. "Louis" Baker (50) was b. Sept. 15, 1734, and her brother, Samuel Brown (51), was b. Nov. 16, 1736, and according to a record given me by his great-grandson d. Apr. 28, 1817.

They were not the children of William and Mary (Pain) Brown, but of Robert and Mercy (Smith) Brown. Mercy was b. Apr. 23, 1701, d. 1743. She was the widow of — Fowle when she m. Robert Brown Mar. 27, 1728. Robert was b. in Newton. On October 11, 1899, the remains of Samuel (51) and those of several members of his family, including Betsey, whose *original* gift by will to the church in the West Precinct (see p. 36) was \$6000, were removed to the lot of Harvey Samuel Brown in Woodlawn Cemetery.

P. 47. Epitaph of Timothy Hunting (64). For MR read Mr. and for Oct. read Oct.

P. 55. As the style of the lettering and the punctuation of epitaph 98 is slightly inaccurate, it is repeated correctly :

IN Memory of | M^{rs} Rebeca Smith | *Wife of Mr. George Smith* ; |
Who died Oct: 30, 1801 : | *Ætatis* 26.

P. 59. The wife of Aaron Smith, Jr., was admitted to the church at Natick February 6, 1791. Eunice (107 and 329), "about 5 y^r. old" was bapt. Feb. 13, 1791, Priscilla Dec. 4,

1791, and Sukey Gurney Mar. 23, 1794, daus. of Aaron Smith, Jr. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 61. Epitaph of Elizabeth F. Smith (109). For *daug^r* read *daug^r* and for *Mrs* read *Mrs*.

Epitaph of Sibbel Ware (111) read *MRS. Mr.*

P. 64. Epitaph of the Ware children (116-118). For *Mr* read *Mr.* and for *Mrs* read *Mrs*.

Epitaph of Lydia Maria Ware (119). For *Cp^t* read *Cap^t*.

P. 70. Samuel "Macentire" was admitted to full communion July 20, 1740. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

In epitaph 143 read *MRS. MEHITABLE FULLER, | Wife of | Cap^t*.

P. 81. Samuel Greenwood, presumably identical with the father of 171, was a minute man from Needham.

P. 82. Hannah Greenwood (173) is said to have been dau. of Moses and Mehitable (Rice) Peirce. If Dr. Bond is right in his statement that Hannah dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Lamson) Peirce m. Samuel Greenwood, it must have been her older sister of the same name who was b. Mar. 1, 1753. (See epitaph and Weston T. Rec.)

In epitaph 173 read *Mrs. Mr.*, and in epitaph 174, William Greenwood, read *Sam^t Mr.*

P. 84. Epitaph of Calvin Broad (185) read *Mr. Mr.* This inscription is obscured by a tree.

Thomas Broad and Rebecca, his wife, were admitted to full communion September 19, 1742, and Timothy, their son, was bapt. Dec. 8, 1745. The church records also contain baptisms of the children of *Thaddeus* Broad. (Natick Ch. Rec.) Major Hezekiah (pp. 84 and 154) is buried at South Natick, as are other former inhabitants of Needham, and there is an S. A. R. marker in his memory.

P. 88. Epitaphs 194 and 195 are difficult to examine, as stated on p. 88, but apparently there are periods after *Mrs* (*Mrs*) and *Mr* in both instances.

P. 90. In the epitaph of Charles Mills (202), last line of the verse, for *Thats,s* read *That,s*.

P. 107. The number of persons whose remains have been removed from the old graveyard to Woodlawn Cemetery now greatly exceeds one hundred and forty, and undertaker George H. Robbins has made all, or nearly all, of the removals, and the words "many of" in the last line but one on p. 107 should have been omitted.

P. 111. Dr. William Deming (261) and wife were admitted to the church at Natick in 1760, and five of their children were bapt. 1761-70. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 139. Epitaph 349 is repeated to supply punctuation :

In memory of | M^{rs} Jane Cope, | who departed this life | Dec^r
26th 1781 : in the 71st | year of her age.

P. 140. The Natick church records contain many items relating to the Drury family. *John* and *Anna*, his wife, were members as early as 1735.

P. 141. Epitaph 356, Hezekiah Fisk, read *Mr. Mrs.* Epitaph 357 read *Mr.* and epitaph 358 for *MR* read *MR.*

P. 143. It is extremely probable that Hannah Fisk who was shot was a younger sister of 362. Very faint dents on stones 361-364 indicate periods as follows : *Daug^r. Cap^t. Mrs. M^{rs}.*

P. 145. Epitaph 372, read *Mrs. LYDIA, | wife of Mr. | Jeremiah Gay, |* Like most of the corrections this is one of punctuation.

P. 146. The Bacons were early members of the "English Church" at Natick, and many of their children were baptized by its pastors.

In epitaph 375 insert comma after HAMMOND, and in 376 read *M^r. M^{rs}.*

P. 147. Epitaph 377, read *Mrs. | ZERUIAH BACON,*

P. 149. Timothy, son of John Bacon, was bapt. Apr. 14, 1751. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 151. Epitaph 388, read *M^{rs} ABIGAIL UNDERWOOD | Wife of M^r.* The Underwoods were connected with the

Natick church, and its records contain much in reference to them from 1730.

On Oct. 11, 1730, *Jonathan* and his six children, viz. : Joseph, Isaac, Abigail, Hannah, Mary and Elizabeth were bapt., and the same day Abigail (388), wife of John, was admitted to full communion. Bapt. Oct. 11, 1767, "Beriah about 13 y^s old Son of Wid^o Lydia Sparhawk" (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 152. William (392), son of John Goodenow, was bapt. Jan. 7, 1731. (Natick Ch. Rec.) In epitaph read M^r

P. 153. Capt. John Goodenow was a prominent member of the church early in its history, and Isaac and others of the family were members later. Ruth (392), wife of John Goodenow of Needham, was admitted to full communion September 17, 1732.

Isaac, son of Isaac, was bapt. Aug. 5, 1739. Both John and Isaac had several children baptized at Natick. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 155. *Edward* Ward presented a tankard to the church in Natick August 23, 1730.

Edward was admitted February 6, 1742/3, and came from the Newton church.

Benjamin (397), son of Benjamin Ward of Needham, was bapt. May, 1776. (Natick Ch. Rec.)

P. 176. George W. Hoogs (495) kept both a tavern and a store. Nicknames were formerly more common in Needham than at the present time, and Mr. Hoogs did not escape.

P. 180. First line: John Slack was town assessor in 1787. No mention is made in this book of service as assessor of the First Parish. John Slack and his son Benjamin were selectmen. For particulars see Needham Epitaphs.

In conclusion the author wishes to say that the greatest care has been used in the preparation of this book, but that he has been frequently reminded of a statement made many years ago by Mr. Henry Stevens, to this effect: "If you are

troubled with a pride of accuracy and would have it completely taken out of you, print a catalogue." If Mr. Stevens had had an extensive experience with epitaphs he might have suggested another severe test of accuracy.

The stone cutters, or engravers, were often illiterate and were capable of almost any eccentricity. For example the words Mr. Mrs. M^r and M^{rs} have the periods in five cases out of six, but it is not safe to *assume* anything as to gravestone punctuation. Some of the stones are too rough and the lettering too obscure to be fit subjects for the camera, which gives the best reproduction of epitaphs. The fact that punctuation is not visible is no evidence that there is none, or was none. In a number of instances periods and commas were brought to light by cleaning the stones, but this laborious method could not conveniently be generally applied. Many of the periods are tiny dents in the stones and easily escape notice. Some comparatively modern inscriptions lack the period after Mr., &c. For fifteen years the writer has been accustomed to copying epitaphs, has devoted a great deal of time to perfecting his manuscript for this book, and has read the proof by the originals, but photography would probably disclose imperfections. The omission of almost obliterated or erratic punctuation constitutes the chief danger to the copyist who aspires to be accurate. It is a noticeable fact that a bright day does not necessarily at all hours give a good light on the inscriptions. When the conditions are favorable the letters are quite distinct, but a slight change in the position of the sun will leave them shaded.

A very small edition of this book will be issued, as the demand for such books is limited, but if it is found useful to genealogists and others in the years to come the object of its publication will be fully realized.

In but few instances are the names of the stone cutters visible, if there are any, on the older stones.

On the gravestone of Capt. Abel Stevens (p. 21), who died in 1814, are the words "Engraved by J. Park Littleton,"

on that of Samuel Brown (p. 34), died in 1817, is inscribed "By Wm Park 2^d Harvard." In Harvard there was a slate quarry, and many gravestones were cut there within the recollection of the writer, who lived in that town 1865-70.

On the gravestone of Ephraim Stevens (p. 25), died 1843, is the name of E. W. Houghton, and on another Stevens stone, of a few years' later date, is that of "W^m Harlow Jr Boston".

The gravestone of Lieut. William Fuller (p. 116), died 1827, was apparently obtained from Runey & Stafford, Cambridge. Runnels & Co. of Waltham did a large business in this locality forty-five years ago, and perhaps earlier. The name Runnels has been familiar on gravestones and monuments for many years.



APPENDIX

AS no list of the assessors of the Town of Needham has ever been published, and as I have mentioned in this book a majority of the men who were assessors prior to the division of the town in 1881, I here complete the list, also mentioning the other more important town offices held by them. The notes to the Needham Epitaphs do not contain any references to service as assessor except on pp. 46-65; none of the earlier assessors are indicated.

Capt. John Fisher 1714, '22-26, also selectman, and in 1711, town clerk 1722, '25-27, treasurer 1727, '31, '32. (Need. Ephs., p. 3.) He was a petitioner in 1710 for the incorporation of the town, and captain of the first company of militia formed in Needham.

Deacon Jeremiah Woodcock 1712-14, '19, '22, also selectman, and in 1733 held the latter office; petitioner in 1710 for the incorporation of the town, deacon of the First Church May 17, 1720-January 7, 1729/30. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 73, and Vol. IV, p. 176.)

On December 4, 1711, the selectmen and Jonathan Gay, Jeremiah Woodcock, Thomas Metcalf and Eleazer Kingsbury were chosen a committee to "Stake and Bound outt a pleace for the Buerring of the dead of this town in." They staked out the well-known place where interments are said to have been made prior to 1711, the first that of a child in

the winter. During the first twenty years (from 1711-31) action was taken by the town to fence in the graveyard, and on one occasion a day was appointed when all the men were to meet there to clear it up.

The forty petitioners for the incorporation of Needham, May, 1710, represented upwards of twenty families, but descendants of only five of these families are living in town in 1899, viz. : Mills, two races of Kingsburys, Fuller — the latter family, once numerous and prominent, is now represented by two young ladies — and Alden is the fifth. Two or three families might be added if Wellesley were included.

The names of Woodcock, Ware, Daniell and Dewing have disappeared from our voting lists in recent years.

William Eaton was taxed in Needham in 1712 and is the ancestor of Eatons now residing on "The Great Plain."

Richard Moore was assessor 1712-14, also selectman, town clerk four months in 1714, petitioner in 1710 for the incorporation of the town.

Lieut. Thomas Metcalf 1714, '15, '18, '23, '27, '30, '31, also selectman, one of the petitioners in 1710 for the incorporation of the town, and town treasurer in 1713, chosen deacon of the First Church April 20, 1720, but declined. (Need. Ephs., p. 4.)

John Rice 1715, '16, '18, '20, also selectman, chosen representative to the General Court and declined 1715.

Josiah Newell 1719, '22, '24, '25, also selectman, town clerk 1719, chosen deacon of the First Church April 20, 1720, and declined. (Need. Ephs., p. 7.)

Joseph Boyden 1721, also selectman.

Andrew Dewing 1725, '27, also selectman, petitioner in 1710 for the incorporation of the town.

Lieut. Andrew had a garrison house very early somewhere on the east bank of the Charles River. Horace Mann located the site in Wellesley about thirty rods below the Sudbury River aqueduct. For an account of the Dewings see Mr. Mann's articles in the Needham Recorder for Novem-

ber 23 and 30, 1895, and March 21, 1896. Dewing's Brook is one of the principal streams in Wellesley, and unites with Waban Brook. Both brooks run into the Charles River not far from the "Nine Arch Bridge."

John Fisher, Esq., was assessor 1732, '33, '36, '45, '47, also selectman, except in 1733, which office he also held in 1738 and '50, representative to the General Court 1735-38, '40, '41, '51. (Need. Ephs., p. 5.)

On May 12, 1714, the town voted that "Matthew Tamling & John Fisher Should teach Children to read and wright."

Fisher Street is appropriately named for this family, as is Fisher's Bridge on Central Avenue, formerly "Fisher's Meeting Road." Very many of the streets in Needham were named by men who apparently knew nothing of its history, and names were selected that are found in many other localities and are without significance or fitness. The short, unaccepted streets in Hahaton Field, formerly "Cow Bed Plain," are well named, but any attempt to perpetuate ancient family names is unusual so far as our streets are concerned. Fortunately all the schools have names that mean something.

Jeremiah Fisher was assessor 1742, '44, '45, '47-49, selectman 1742, '44, '45, '47, '48, '50, town clerk 1739, '40, '44.

Deacon Josiah Newell 1744, '45, '47-49, '51, '53, '61, '62, selectman 1744, '45, '47-51, '53, elected and declined in 1754, served in 1761, '62, '64-66, '69, '74, '77, deacon of the First Church January 9, 1746/7-November 21, 1783, justice of the peace October 12, 1775-, and served on important committees of the town. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 74, and Need. Ephs., p. 31.)

Newell's Bridge at Charles River Village takes its name from the Newells who lived near by. Josiah, who had a rolling mill on the Dover side, is said by Frank Smith to have given the name to the bridge.

Deacon John Fisher was assessor 1750, '63, '68, selectman 1763-65, '68, '75, '81, representative to the General Court

1777, '78, deacon of the First Church January 9, 1746/7–October 17, 1788. (Need. Ephs., p. 15, and Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 74.) He was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1778. See article by Charles Curtis Greenwood on the Fisher Family in "The Gazette," Dedham, March 26, 1864, and "The Fisher Family," by Philip Adsit Fisher, in the Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, and "The Fisher Genealogy." Deacon John lived at the Fisher homestead, close to the river, on the easterly side of the present Central Avenue. This farm of fifty acres was purchased by John Fisher of Caleb Wheaton in 1746. The estate is now the residence of Mr. Harold W. Windram.

Nathaniel Mann was assessor 1751, also selectman. He was son-in-law of the Rev. Jonathan Townsend.

John Alden 1752, also selectman. (Need. Ephs., p. 13.)

Thomas Metcalf 1752–57, '60, selectman 1752–58, '60, town clerk 1752–60. (Need. Ephs., p. 8.)

Ebenezer Skinner 1754, also selectman.

Nathaniel Fisher 1759, '62, '69, '82, selectman 1759, '62, '73, '74, '77, '78, '82, '85, town treasurer 1764, '65, representative to the General Court 1782, '85, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1781, '83, '84. During the Revolution he served on important committees of the town, and in 1781 was one of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, a position of consequence. He held the office of coroner. A man of his name received from the town in 1777 a bounty of £7 for enlisting to go to Canada.

Michael Metcalf 1763, '67, '68, '71, '72, '73, elected in '75 and declined, served in 1777–79, '81, '83, '84, selectman 1763–65, '67, '68, '71, '72, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1786, '87.

Timothy Newell 1763, '72, selectman 1763, '69, '72, '76, town treasurer two months in 1761, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1781. (Need. Ephs., p. 14.)

Lieut. Jonathan Day 1764, '66, '69, '71, '73, '75, selectman 1771. He lived on the "Griggs Place" on South Street,

and Day's Bridge takes its name from him, or from his family who had a large farm on the Dover side of the river. He was a brother of Deacon Ralph Day of the Springfield Parish. See Frank Smith's excellent History of Dover.

Seth Wilson 1767, selectman 1767, '69.

Lieut. Samuel Townsend, son of the Rev. Jonathan Townsend, was assessor 1770, '74, '77, '80, selectman 1785, clerk of the First Parish 1778-88, on its standing committee 1779-81, '83-88. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, p. 95.)

Samuel Daggett 1772, selectman 1772, elected May 21, and in 1779. In 1773 he was a constable, and January 19, 1775, he was chosen to collect the subscriptions for building the meeting house in the West Precinct. In 1775 he was chosen precinct collector; in 1781, '83, and three times in 1784 he was precinct moderator, and in 1783 he was on the precinct committee. He was a delegate to the county convention in 1774, sergeant of the Needham minute men April 19, 1775, and served on important committees of the town during the war. *Moses* and *Samuel, Jr.*, were in the West Company April 19, 1775, and served later in the war. (See Mass. S. and S. in Rev.)

Josiah Upham was assessor 1773. He is called Ensign in the town records. In 1781 he was on the committee to buy the beef required of the town.

Henry Dewing 1782, also selectman (elected May 27); soldier in the Revolution, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker at the Dewing monument. (See Mass. S. and S. in Rev. and Need. Ephs., p. 25.)

Deacon Isaac Shepard 1785, '88, '91, '93-95, '97-1802, '18, selectman 1784 (elected May 13), collector for the First Parish 1780, on its standing committee 1783, '88-90, '94-1802, '06, '11-19, and its clerk 1795-1802, treasurer 1797-99, deacon of the First Church November 21, 1783-August 22, 1819, justice of the peace January 21, 1806-19, soldier in the Revolution, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, pp. 95 and 144, Vol. III, p. 74, and Need. Ephs., p. 28.)

Capt. Josiah Newell 1791, selectman 1790, '91 and '93, collector for the First Parish 1786, '87, on its standing committee 1793 (Need. Ephs., pp. 23 and 31), soldier in the Revolution, and there is a bronze S. A. R. marker on his grave. He was a justice of the peace, and captain of a company of cavalry in 1788. His name is also on a Newell gravestone on which there are several names.

Lieut. John Tolman 1797, soldier in the Revolution. (See History and Directory of Needham, 1888-89, p. 29, and Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. V, p. 114.) He was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1804, its sexton 1801-04, and was a captain in the militia after the war.

George Fisher 1803, '06, '08, '16, '17, '19, '21, '23, '26, assistant assessor 1822, selectman 1803, '04, '16, '18, '19, representative to the General Court 1830, collector for the First Parish, south side, 1798, on its standing committee 1821-23, '30, sometimes called Deacon in the town records, although when he was elected to that office, September 21, 1819, he declined to serve. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. III, p. 75, and Need. Ephs., p. 45.)

Capt. Michael Harris 1804, '05, '07, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1803-05, '07, and played the bass viol in the church. Captain in the militia 1803. He removed to Dorchester, and later to Bangor, Me. where he died.

The Harris tomb is not mentioned in the "Needham Epitaphs." The slab in the bank is inscribed :

The Tomb of | Elizabeth and Abigail Harris, | Daughters of |
Ensign Michael Harris.

Ensign Michael Harris d. Jan. 28, 1816, aged 68, and was father of Capt. Michael. The tomb is north of the Fuller tomb. Michael Metcalf Harris, son of Capt. Michael, was baptized Nov. 5, 1815. (West Ch. Rec.)

Dr. Samuel Gould 1807, '08, '12-15, '19, '22 ; in 1822 he was chosen, September 16, to fill a vacancy. Selectman

1809-12, town clerk 1818-21, clerk of the First Parish 1806-13, and on its standing committee 1808-13, '18-20. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, p. 95.) He removed to Dedham.

Seth Colburn 1817, '27 (declined in 1827), selectman 1817, '19, elected in 1820 and 1821 but declined, representative to the General Court 1824. On May 1, 1820, he was chosen collector of taxes for the west part of the town. In 1817 he was on the West Precinct committee.

Joseph and *Joseph, Jr.*, [Colburn] were in the East Company April 19, 1775, and *Levi* was a soldier in the Revolution.

Simeon was collector for the First Parish in 1792.

Capt. Jonathan Gay 1820, town clerk 1805-15, '23, selectman 1812-15, town treasurer 1818-21, '25-29, representative to the General Court 1814, clerk of the First Parish 1803, '04, '14-26, its collector 1806 (3½%), sexton 1808-11, '13, '17-25, '28 and probably in 1826, on its standing committee 1814-17, '24, '25, elected in 1827 but declined; one of the inspecting school committee 1826, '27.

He was long known as Jonathan Gay, Jr., and later as Captain Gay. In 1815 he became a lieutenant in the militia, and in 1816 captain of cavalry, 1st Battalion, 2d Brigade, 1st Division. (See Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, pp. 95 and 124, and Need. Ephs., p. 31.) His farm on Central Avenue is now owned by his grandson, Curtis McIntosh. It was once the property of John Tolman, and the house is ancient.

Capt. Gay was son of Lieut. *Jonathan* Gay, who was selectman 1796-98. The latter was sergeant of the East Company April 19, 1775, and *Jeremiah* was in the West Company. *George Hiram* Gay, a grandson of the Lieutenant, is now (1899) the oldest man in Needham.

John Tolman was assessor 1824. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. V, p. 176, and Need. Ephs., pp. 39 and 66.)

Artemas Newell, Esq., was "added to the assessors" in 1813, assessor 1825, selectman 1820-24, '26-28, '30, constable for the east part of the town, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1820, '30, one of the inspecting school com-

mittee 1826, '27, justice of the peace from February 3, 1821, clerk of the 2d company of cavalry (Capt. Jeremiah Baker) 1804, captain of cavalry 1811 and '12, 1st Battalion, 2d Brigade, 1st Division of the militia. (Need. Ephs., pp. 38 and 56.)

Israel Whitney 1827, '31, elected and declined in 1832, but served in 1838, assistant assessor 1822, selectman 1824, '34, one of the inspecting school committee 1826, tax collector 1831, elected town treasurer 1830 and declined, served in 1835-37, justice of the peace from March 9, 1833-, postmaster 1841-, succeeding Rufus Mills. Mr. Whitney had the post office in the ell of his house, which was later the residence of Bill Burrill. The writer well remembers Mr. Burrill, a native of Chelsea (Winthrop) and a pensioner of the War of 1812. His nephew, *Bill* Burrill, 2d, was a valued citizen of Needham, and there is a good obituary notice of him in the Needham Chronicle for August 2, 1884, by Charles C. Greenwood. Their Christian name, Bill, was derived from the Bill family of Essex County with which the Burrills were connected. Israel Whitney was on the standing committee of the First Parish 1803, '07, '26, '27, '37, '38, its clerk 1805, '27, sexton 1812, '14-16, '29, '31-39, and probably in 1830, treasurer 1833. He taught school in Needham early in this century. (See Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, pp. 95, 124 and 145, Vol. IV, p. 30, and Need. Ephs., p. 54.)

Otis Sawyer, assistant assessor 1835, '50, selectman 1836, '52-55. (Need. Ephs., p. 50.) He lived on the Metcalf farm, where thirty-five years ago there was a very old Metcalf house. The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital is now on this farm.

Josiah Howe Carter 1849, '51, '52 (chosen April 5, 1852, vice Lauren Kingsbury resigned), selectman 1852-54.

William Pierce was assistant assessor 1850. Probably Capt. William Pierce, rather than his son William, Jr. Capt. Pierce was selectman 1839-44, '48-51 and held various minor town offices. (Need. Ephs., p. 64.)

George Emerson Eaton 1857, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1846-53, its collector 1848, '49, sexton March 22, 1851-March 16, 1874, parish treasurer 1855-58, justice of the peace, postmaster under Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln, succeeding George Brigham Revere, and for a number of years one of the constables. His son, Alger Emerson Eaton, was assessor 1896, '97.

Jonathan Avery 1858, '59, '68, '69, '72. He was a leading citizen and founder of the village named Highlandville, and the first postmaster there. See the "Dedham Branch of the Avery Family," p. 351, for portrait and sketch.

His daughter, Mrs. Jane Greenough (Avery) Carter, was one of the compilers of the history of the Avery family, is a lady of literary and poetic tastes, and served as a trustee of the Needham Free Public Library 1888-96. On p. 355 of the Avery book is a sketch of George Avery, son of Jonathan, who was a constable, and served as assessor 1882-84, in which latter office he was a colleague of the writer, who cherishes his memory. (See also the Needham Chronicle for April 25, 1885.) George Avery was a soldier in the Civil War. The Avery School, Avery Street, and Avery Square at Highlandville perpetuate the name of Jonathan Avery.

Silas Gustavus Williams 1858-60, '70, selectman 1861-68. He d. in Wellesley Jan. 8, 1898, aged 81 yrs., 9 mos.

John Morton Harris 1861-63, representative to the General Court 1872, on the school committee 1878-83 (six years), town treasurer 1883, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1859-67, clerk 1861-67, '70-84. (Ded. Hist. Reg., Vol. II, p. 96.) Also see resolutions on his decease passed by the First Parish March 29, 1884.

The Harris school was named in memory of him. His widow Adeline Eaton Harris has been one of the school committee since October 24, 1887, and its efficient secretary.

Charles Hiram Dewing 1865, selectman 1866-69, '71, for many years highway surveyor or superintendent of streets. (See town report for 1895 [1896] for portrait and official

record, and also the Needham Recorder for August 24, 1895.)

Charles Curtis Greenwood 1866-81, elected in 1882 but resigned. (For portrait and memoir see the town report for 1897 [1898] and reprint.) He was chairman of the board of assessors 1875-81, selectman 1856, '57, representative to the General Court 1863, town auditor twelve years, town clerk 1881-June 7, 1897, on the standing committee of the First Parish 1855-57, '65, parish treasurer March, 1870-December 29, 1879, postmaster at Needham 1870-85, and justice of the peace. He was an authority on local history.

Mark Lee 1875, '76, selectman 1875-82, '88, '89, postmaster at Highlandville, &c. (See the town report for 1889 [1890] and the Needham Chronicle for January 18, 1890.)

Lyman Knights Putney 1875, '76, selectman 1877-April, 1881, representative of the ninth Norfolk district in the General Court 1880, '83.

He was for years selectman of Wellesley, usually, if not always, chairman, member of the water board, etc. (See "One of a Thousand.") Mr. Putney is prominent as an agriculturist as well as a business man, and for fifteen years was active in politics, much of this time exercising an influence throughout the ninth Norfolk district that has not been equalled.

Of the assessors prior to 1881 but three are now living, viz: Josiah Howe Carter, George Emerson Eaton and Lyman Knights Putney. Of the assessors since 1881, Enos Houghton Tucker, Isaac Martin Kingsbury and George Kuhn Clarke are the only ones now living who served before 1885.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST PARISH.

For list of clerks of the First Parish in Needham see Dedham Historical Register, Vol. II, pp. 95 and 124; for treasurers see same, Vol. II, p. 144; for deacons of the

First Church see same, Vol. III, p. 73, and for extensive notes from the records of the First Parish, 1778-1842, see same, Vols. III and IV. All these lists and articles were contributed by George K. Clarke.

The following is a list of those members of the standing committee of the First Parish, 1778-1891, who are not elsewhere mentioned in this book as such. State, county and town offices held by them are not referred to in these notes:—

Lieut. Ebenezer Fisher 1780.

Ebenezer Clark 1782. (See p. 121.)

Lieut. Col. Silas Alden 1794, 1806, parish treasurer 1778-80, '82-88, collector for the north side of the First Parish 1797, sole collector 1804 for "two Cents on the Dollar," deacon of the church November 22, 1803-February 22, 1826.

Major Moses Mann 1798, 1801 (Lieut. Col. in 1801), '02, '06.

Lieut. Jonathan Gay 1799. (See p. 215.)

William Willard Mann, son of Moses Mann, 1827.

Timothy Woodcock 1827.

Joseph Newell 1828, '29, collector for the First Parish 1840.

Col. Warren Dewing 1828-30, parish treasurer 1828-31.

Jonathan Ellis 1831, '32.

William Eaton, Jr., 1831-34, '36, '37, '41, '42.

Capt. John J. Gorham 1833, '34.

John Smith Bird 1834-37, '44.

Rev. Daniel Kimball, A. M., 1834, '35, '40, '41, '45-51, deacon of the church September 1, 1826-June 3, 1859, parish treasurer 1827.

Leonard Battelle 1835, '39, '40, parish clerk 1840.

Honorable Galen Orr 1839, '56, collector for the First Parish 1851, '52.

Lyman Greenwood 1839, '41.

George Revere 1843, '46, '52, '53.

Deacon Jonathan Newell 1845, deacon of the church August 25, 1822-July 8, 1853.

Benjamin Gage Kimball, A. B., son of the Rev. Daniel Kimball, 1854, parish treasurer 1852-54, clerk 1852-54, '59, '60.

Augustus Eaton, son of William Eaton, Jr., 1857-74, '80-89, collector for the First Parish 1859.

Deacon Otis Morton, Jr., 1858-64, '66-83. His service of twenty-five years is second in length of time in the history of the First Parish. Deacon of the church June 1, 1872-June 2, 1890.

Marshall Newell 1868, '69, collector for the First Parish 1865.

Honorable Enos Houghton Tucker 1870-75, parish treasurer 1880-92, clerk 1884-90.

Diana Persis Washburn (the first woman member) 1876-79.

Albert Eber Miller, M. D., 1881-84 (elected December 29, 1884, for the ensuing year but did not serve).

Henry Blackman 1885-88.

George Willard Tisdale 1889-91 (resigned April 20, 1891).

James Henry Foss 1890.

Francis DeMaurice Dunn, A. B., 1891, '92, parish clerk 1896 to the present time (1900).

George Kuhn Clarke, LL. B., April 20, 1891-94 (four years), parish clerk 1891-95 (five years).

Frederick Gould Tuttle April 20, 1891, to the present time. He has been the chairman for a number of years.

The above list includes soldiers of the Revolution and others long prominent in the affairs of the town, church and parish.

In 1874 the time of the annual parish meeting was changed from March to December, and I have not counted the years of election but of service thereafter. From 1778-1891 the number of the Parish Committee has been three, except in 1799, 1831-35, when there were five members, and 1800, when there were seven.

Augustus Eaton served on the Parish Committee twenty-eight years, the longest period of such service in the annals of the First Parish.

On April 19, 1875, his father, William, was present at the great centennial anniversary observance of the battle of Lexington, in which *his* father, also named William, had participated as a Needham militia man during the retreat of the British.

Soldiers from Needham in the expedition under command of Admiral Vernon, 1740-1, against the Spanish colonies in the West Indies, particularly Cuba : —

Jeremiah Smith, aged 18, blacksmith, enlisted May 27, 1740, in Capt. John Prescott's company.

Jonas Cooke, aged 23, mason, enlisted July 12.

Richard Fuller, aged 28, husbandman, enlisted July 24.

Jn^o George, aged 20, husbandman, enlisted July 20.

John Coller, aged 26, husbandman, enlisted July 17. The four last named were in Capt. Stephen Richards' company.

For verbatim copies of muster rolls see the Year-book of the Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts, 1899, pp. 80, 92-94.

In addition to the sources of information named in my lists published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January and April, 1899, the following publications contain matter relative to Needham : John W. Barber's Massachusetts Historical Collections, 1848, have a gazetteer notice, and it is said that the Boston Magazine, 1785, gave an account of Needham. As I have seen only the copy of this magazine at the Boston Athenæum, which copy is apparently imperfect and contains no special mention of Needham, I can not tell what is referred to, but suppose it to be merely a gazetteer notice like that of Medfield and

other towns in Suffolk county. For the published works of the Revs. Messrs. Townsend, West and Palmer see the American Quarterly Register, Vol. VIII, p. 53, 1836. The page is wrongly given in the index to this Register. See New England Historical and Genealogical Register for 1869.

"Yet ev'n these bones from insult to protect
Some frail memorial still erected nigh,
With uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture decked,
Implores the passing tribute of a sigh.

"Their name, their years, spelt by the unletter'd Muse,
The place of fame and elegy supply;
And many a holy text around she strews,
That teach the rustic moralist to die."





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P. 216. The Metcalf house is said to have been taken down by Otis Sawyer in 1844. It was built by Thomas Metcalf, and was the home of his son, Michael, and later of the Harris family (see Michael Harris, p. 214). Ensign Michael Harris was a grandson of Thomas Metcalf named above.

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